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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. For years now, I have been aware of Monsanto's control over seeds and also its sale of bovine growth hormone which shortens the life of the cow which is forced to overproduce milk and is rendered sterile in the process.

Clear and honest labeling of all foods is essential to the wellbeing of all who eat in our country, especially children and those who are vulnerable to chemical and other contaminants.

Prices need to be kept in line especially in this very poor economy while maintaining a just income for those who grow it.

Overall, we need to restore our soils through good farming practices so that our country will be able to produce healthful and abundant food for years to come.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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