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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

Monsanto, the seed giant, acts like a bully in its dealings with farmers, and they get away with it because they are a monopoly! Our entire food system is out of sync with the purpose of food - to nourish and sustain the body. Farmers are using so much extra pesticide on crops thanks to Monsanto's bio engineering that there is no way the food I eat is healthy for me.

I fight back by buying organic as much as I can, but I really cannot afford it and my family goes without other necessities because of our food bill.

If I could I would grow my own food to make sure it is safe, but i cannot.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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