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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. The enormous amount of money spend in lobbying by Monsanto gives this company, whose main business is marketing poison, enormous power when it comes to deciding food policy.

Most Americans are very concerned about the health and safety of their food. It is demonstrated more and more that small, local food sources can provide the best quality, healthiest food. Monsanto on the other hand is dedicated to one global source for all foods: their companies and subsidiaries.

Monsanto's concerted effort to control seed supply to U.S. and global farms has a thuggish aspect, with this large corporation threatening small family farms on a regular basis. Seed supply should be an open and free market, and protection should be afforded to small farmers who do not wish to buy genetically modified seeds. Heirloom vegetables provide a better source of nutritious food and can even command a higher market price.

Genetic modification, poisonous insecticides & pesticides, overcropping of identical seeds - all these are leading to a disastrous crisis in nutritious food sources. The department of justice can work with the Food & Drug Administration and other government agencies to break up this monopolistic control by Monsanto - and prevent it from happening again.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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