From: Mary Lageman <lpneuma@aol.com>
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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. The record of Monsanto can't be overlooked. They control a large part of the seed supply and use their power to intimidate small farmers. Small farmers are struggling everywhere. Yet is is the small farmer that is the hope of feeding the world, according to the Global Report on Agriculture at a Crossroads, paid for by the World Bank, sponsored by all UN agencies, taking 4 years, over 400 experts involving over 100 governments, civil society, peasant and industrial farmers. www.agassessment.org. With its focus on profits, this company has wielded its power regardless of the impacts on people, the environment, and small farmers. We need a way to call Monsanto to account and, as a country, to support those farmers who care about people's health and the environment.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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