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As a graduate student, I live on a tight budget with food and rent taking up the biggest portion of my income. In recent years, I've noticed a rise in prices at the grocery store. While most of this was during the explosion of gas rates two summers ago, I've never noticed the prices coming down while gas prices have dramatically decreased. In fact, prices continue to creep higher and higher. I believe these price increases are because of the corporate consolidation of the food supply. As a consumer, I'm deeply concerned because there seems to be little that I can do to avoid certain companies and their prices. Instead of a choice between two big companies, I would like to have multiple choices in the grocery store. I hope the Department of Justice investigates companies such as ADM who have a strangle hold on prices and consumer choice. Thanks for your time.

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