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

A single conglomerate, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds used in the US, and is known to routinely threaten farmers who don't buy its seeds.

Much of our food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security.

It is all but impossible for consumers to truly know what is in their food, where it was grown, what chemicals were used on it, and if it has been genetically modified.

Layered on top of the above, prices are rising at the supermarket, but reports continue to come out of small farmers facing financial devastation -- while big food companies have made record profits this year.

Clearly there is a problem here.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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