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

Just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds.

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

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.

Prices are rising at the supermarket and big food companies have made record profits this year. Meanwhile farmers struggle to keep their farms and consumers struggle to pay for their food.

Please live up to the title of your organization by restoring justice in our agricultural industry.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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