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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. Farmers are struggling, and big food companies have made record profits this year. We need to develop a system that is fair to both farmers and consumers.

Why aren't there decent labels telling you where it grew, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified? I believe consumers have a right to this information to help us make wise decisions about the food we buy. To accomplish this, corporations must be held to strict standards.

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. We, as a nation, can do better.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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