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I am writing because I am deeply troubled by the monopoly that Monsanto has over the seed market. It is not healthy for the food security of this nation nor the small farmers in this country and in the world who become dependent on buying seeds from Monsanto year after year because the company owns property rights to those seeds.

We have to diversify our food sources and we need to grow our food in a sustainable manner in contrast to the highly industrialized, pesticide-ridden way it is grown now. This means supporting small, local farmers that grow their food organically and in harmony with the earth.

Food is one of our most important and most basic needs and it must be protected from the interests of big business and the shortcomings of poor government regulation. Please promote policies that encourage diversity; competition from small farmers; organic, sustainable practices, local food systems, and food equity for low-income people.

Thank you very much for listening. I trust that you will do your best to serve the health and happiness of our country.

Sincerely,

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