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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Giant agribusinesses like Monsanto have too much power over where my food comes from and how it's produced. My understanding is that farmers can not reuse their own seeds because Monsanto owns the patent rights to those seeds, and, additionally, that Monsanto sells the farmers GMO terminator seeds, rendering the seeds infertile after one generation. When monopolies become so powerful, it seems as if conscience and integrity are relegated to the trash bin. Please ensure that Monsanto's seeds are safe for the public and provide an equitable arrangement for the farmer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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