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I am writing because I am particularly concerned that food has become an industrial product, enhanced by chemicals and genetically modified. I have recently seen the film "Food,Inc." which is terrifying, even if only half of it is true. The American people are disturbingly unaware of the manipulation of food sources. I am against genetic modification of seeds and the monopoly of seed sources by Monsanto.

I am fortunate to live in an area with three farmer's markets from late spring until mid-fall; in the winter we have local access to a market with access to winter veggies, locally produced beef, pork, seafood and honey, among other things. I value this opportunity which gives me good quality local food, gives the local farmers an outlet for their products, and allows much of the farmland to be worked sustainably.

Our heritage as a people is one of healthy land and healthy people. We must not squander this resource by allowing chemicals, land abuse, and genetic manipulation to destroy our lives. Please wrest the ill-gotten power to destroy away from the "evil giant", Monsanto.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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