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Subject: Gmo Foods, industry consolidation, food safety.

USDOJ,

I was assigned by the Board of Supervisors of Lake County California to study GMO foods and food safety. We are an agricultural community so this is a concern of ours. In the course of the research I found there seems to be too much consolidation of food producers and that not enough studies have been done on GMO foods that are produced by these same companies. There is not one independent peer reviewed study on GMO foods and there certainly isn't enough recourses to find just how far consolidation has gone in the food industry. There needs to be more government oversight to insure food safety, and competition in the marketplace. It's time for change away from protecting the industry to protecting the people from industry.

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