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I am a single adult woman who has been concerned about food supply issues for years.

I am concerned about the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agriculture sector for many reasons. I abhor that agribusiness has taken control of the world food supply. The Green Revolution has been anything but. Farmers in the middle of nowhere in Mexico know about the corporate domination of Monsanto and fight to keep their crops GMO free. Local farms in my Snohomish valley have been put out of business. I am appalled to learn that 80% of the majority of the American food commodities are GMO and that agribusiness has prevented full disclosure labeling. The number of Monsanto businessmen who have had a revolving door in our government in the last decade is a disgrace - including Justice Clarence Thomas, a former Monsanto lawyer, writing the majority opinion to allow the patenting of Life. I am sick of my friends dying from cancer and that it is so difficult to fight corporate control of chemicals allowed in our environment, especially in our food production system.

These are just some of the reasons we need to take away corporate consolidation, domination, and control of our food supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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