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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Three or four multinational corporations control the production, distribution and sale of the vast majority of our food. They produce food in ways that hurt the environment, and the lack of honest competition is undemocratic.

I ask you to dismantle the control that is currently held by these corporations. Please allow small farmers, who want control of their seeds and who will sell products close to where they are grown, the opportunity to compete in a more open market.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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