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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

Just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds. Since when did it become legal to threaten people?

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year. My uncle is a farmer who is struggling, needing to be on food stamps. His prices for milk have decreased. This is not fair. Yet, the government will not even help. Why does our government not support our local farmers and their crops?

Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment from these huge industrial farms, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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