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My name is Mary Bull. My partner, Robert Krebsbach, and I were computer professionals who became farmers five years ago because of the disastrous consequences of ironclad corporate control of global and US food policies, with Monsanto, Cargill, and ADM at the head of this gang of pirates, who clearly place profits above human and planetary health and security.

These entrenched and dangerous powers must be reined in! Not only do they threaten Food Security world-wide, they are polluting the planet with pesticides, chemical fertilizers, GMOs, and concentrated animal waste; they are illegally destroying the rain forest to plant GMO soybeans (per the recent expose of Cargill doing this in the Amazon), and are threatening public health with unsafe practices that increase profits while spreading disease, per the recent hamburger expose, where many deaths from contaminated ground beef were documented.

These Big-Ag corporations' reckless, self-serving practices, such as controlling the world seed supply and using GMOs that pollute non-GMO crops and natural ecosystems are criminal and should be outlawed. The only reason they aren't is because of US policy that allows corporate lobbyists and executives to become--or to overly influence--government policy makers. This conflict of interest should be banned in government!!! You can start by holding these corporate pirates accountable by requiring mandatory food labeling, identifying the source chain, and whether the food product contains GMOs or comes from GMO seeds.

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