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Honorable Saxby Chambliss
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Chambliss:

First of all, I want to thank you for your service and commitment to Georgians and Georgia agriculture. I look forward to visiting with you during the holiday recess.

As you may recall, my family and I have been farming in Barrow County for generations. As a farmer, I am concerned that American agriculture is being increasingly dominated by a single company, Monsanto. This biotech company has been buying seed companies and biotech companies at an alarming rate. Recently, Monsanto announced that it will acquire Delta and Pine Land Company, the world's largest cotton seed company. The combined company will control over 65 percent of the cotton seed sales in the United States and over 85 percent in the Southeastern region.

Delta and Pine has been working with biotech companies to develop cotton traits capable of rivaling Monsanto's. However, Monsanto's acquisition of Delta and Pine gives Monsanto every incentive to derail these traits, giving Monsanto 100 percent of cotton biotechnology.

These developments make me concerned that Georgia farmers like me will have no choice but to buy Monsanto products at prices dictated by Monsanto because of the company's market share levels and monopolistic practices. Please help prevent the domination of American agriculture by a single entity.

I urge you to look into Monsanto's business practices so that I, and other Georgia farmers, will have more options in the marketplace--options offered at competitive prices.

Sincerely,

Terry England
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