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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in advance of the Department of Justice's workshops on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

'Opting out' is, I believe, the foundation of the American Way. Religious intolerance emboldened our ancestors to leave Europe and begin to shape the foundation of our country, indeed, our Constitution.

In my guaranteed rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", I am empowered to make decisions that I believe will achieve and sustain those rights, within the law of the land.

My freedom to choose organic products has come under fire by companies like Monsanto with their genetically modified seed varieties.

My ability to choose non-genetically modified products was unfortunately blurred by the FDA (and as I understand, many in the FDA were formerly employed by Monsanto) when they ruled that "materially indistinguishable" foods required no labeling.

The freedom to choose non-GMO was left to organics and this freedom is being eliminated by the confirmed potential of cross-pollination.

It seems to me that Monsanto has declared war on farmers, and indeed, the US consumer by buying, controlling and (as I understand) destroying much of the vast variety of seeds that once sustained this country.

These practices must be stopped. I'm certain that Monsanto isn't the only one letting their stock prices dictate their oligopolistic behavior.

Thank you for upholding my freedoms.

Sincerely,

Nathan Milligan