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I am an advocate of organic farming on a large scale and local/small organic farmers who provide food for farmers markets. We need to eat fresh and natural foods in order to be healthy. I consider Monsanto in the same terms as terrorists. They create patented GMO seeds (of which the farmer cannot retain seeds and plant again), and they hold organic farmers hostage when Monsanto seeds blow in the wind and contaminate organic farms. Organic farmers have been sued and destroyed by Monsanto who then claim the organic farmer "stole" their seeds, where in fact, Monsanto has contaminated the organic farmland. The hateful truth is that consumers rarely know they are eating GMO foods because Monsanto has fought to prevent labeling on food products to disclose this. We don't want chemicals in our food, we don't want gene-manipulated produce, we don't want dairy products contaminated with chemicals nor meats that are from factory farms where the (sick, antibiotic, steroid) animals have been raised on GMO soy and grains. We need to see that our high rates of cancer and diabetes are very much connected to the foods Americans are eating. Monsanto is a threat to our health: they contaminate the water and soil and nearby (non-Monsanto) crops. They buy up small seed companies and are positioning themselves to control the populations of the world by dictating the terms of farming.

I buy local and organic. I fear the likes of Monsanto. They do not have the welfare of the people in mind, only profit and control. Monsanto's products are deadly: lacking in nutrition, ruinous to the soil and water tables, and full of toxins from their genetically engineered pesticides. Look at the farmers in India who have committed suicide over the debt (to Monsanto) and suffering from unsustainable, inferior GMO yields.

I beg of you to hold the standards of organic. I beg of you to restrain Monsanto from further threatening our welfare with their inferior, tainted food. I beg of you to stop the expansion of Monsanto and their pharma crops and GMOs. I beg of you to demand labeling of GMO foods.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinions.

Sincerely,

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