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I am writing because I think Monsanto could care less about human health. It took over 20 years to get them to pay up for dumping radioactive waste in the Pacific ocean. I left the profession of corporate graphic design because I was sick of making companies like their DDT peddling subsidiary KrisKraft look good.

YOu want to know how Monsanto has impacted my life??? For whatever reason, I am like a canary in a coal mine, very sensitive to allergens. I am gluten free and as a result of my reaction to GM corn (I get boils on my face) I am unable to eat tacos or popcorn, thereby limiting my eating options to nil, nix, nada. I can no longer eat popcorn at the movies or mexican food unless i make it with organic white corn. I cannot eat frito's or dorito's.

Our food supply is so tainted with chemicals and genetic modifications that i have to prepare all my food from scratch, everything. After years of eating organic I found myself eating conventionally grown foods after hurricane Ike and boy did I get sick.

RoundUp is a hormone disruptor. Why do we want roundup ready food? who comes up with these stupid ideas??!! Are we going to have to sue our own government for not protecting us from corporations? The government allows corporations to exist and MUST protect the people or dismantle the corporations!

To say I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets would be such an understatement. Looking at their long history as a bad corporate actor,decades of pollution, not to mention the development and selling of toxins. I don't know how anyone can trust a word that comes out of their greedy, soulless corporation.

As I understand it, it takes approximately seven years for the weeds and pest to adapt to any of the Genetic Modifications. Instead of saving humanity we are breeding super weeds. And the seed costs too much, and it contaminates other farmers' seed!

It breaks my heart that Obama has so many former Monsanto employees/lobbiests in his administration. Heartbroken. We need to be supporting our small family farms and our organic producers. Down with Monsanto -- Up with the open sharing of knowledge that can save humanity, Down with corporations that put greed ahead of humanity! Give the American People a gift this Christmas. Go after Monsanto. Bring them down!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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