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As a consumer and backyard gardener, I am appalled at the attempt of Big Business to control the market on seeds. Their operation of taking a seed in the public domain is akin to taking a classic book, altering a few sentences, copyrighting it, then disallowing anyone to read the original in the general vicinity of their altered book. This mode of operation is not in the best interest of the public.

In addition, these companies do not provide any protection to the original seeds. Their plants cross-pollinate with non-GMO plants and contaminate the gene pool of natural seeds. What is being done to stop this? Not everyone wants to buy or eat foods produced from GMO plants, safe or not. Please stop these abuses of Big Business. It is in the public's best interest.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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