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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."

As a consumer, I am concerned that Monsanto has gained control over as much as 90 percent of seed genetics. With so much control, farmers have very little choice, and in turn, consumers also have fewer choices. This diminishing choice raises questions of food security for me.

My main concern is that, while Monsanto has acquired a diverse store of seed genetics, they are only making available a few seeds that are genetically modified to be dependent on their chemicals. While I believe Monsanto should be able to compete and sell genetically modified seeds, there should be more seed and chemical providers available from which farmers can choose. I also think farmers who do not use Monsanto's seeds should be penalized if one of their neighbors patented seeds that cross-pollinate with their non-Monsanto seeds.

I urge you to please include in your investigation the importance of seed choice to our farmers.

Sincerely,

Jill Jensen