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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Honestly, Monsanto should never have been able to achieve the status of a monopoly on agriculture. The very idea of ownership of genetic material, in any form, is asinine. The very fact that a corporation is able to claim all rights associated with the genetic material of a living organism makes me question the integrity of our government. Where is the justice in allowing this?

How could anyone, in any context, believe that this is acceptable? America was supposed to be the land of the free; yet due to the greed and audacity of a few, our most fundamental natural resources - our agriculture - are shackled. Where is the justice here?

The transgressions that Monsanto have been allowed to make by the inaction of our government has severely weakened the core of America - our agricultural sector. Numerous farmers and seed suppliers are in fear of losing everything they own, due to random wind blown inclusion of any copyrighted Monsanto seed into their cultivated seed stock. Where is the justice in that?

I believe that America truly was founded as a land of 'freedom and justice for all.' I also believe that it can be again, but there needs to be many very serious changes. You are in the position to herald that return to our origins in bringing the justice back to America.

It is not too late to right the many wrongs of Monsanto and the entire US copyright policy with regards to genetic material.

Sincerely,

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