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Subject: Comments

Aloha,

I am writing to express my concern about Monsanto's domination of our agricultural market. Living in Hawaii, a place where Monsanto is showing a strong presence, I have the opportunity to see, first hand, how insidious Monsanto really is.

They have turned food production into big business and along the way neglected, exploited, and even abused, farmers and their related counterparts, while poisoning our food supply.

We all deserve the right to pure, clean, non-modified food. Farmers deserve the right to grow in a manner in which they choose, as generations before them did...without being bullied. Our environment deserves to be spared the consequences of harsh chemicals and malevolent forces. Big business, corporate lobbyists and government regulators deserve to be monitored and their actions controlled.

Food production should be simple, clean, pure. Most of our world today is being duped. Food that is genetically modified, laden with chemicals, and produced without care for the environment is not nourishment...it is big business. Concern is not for sustainability and well being, but rather power and greed.

I urge you to address this problem.

Thank you,
Maggie Costigan
Maui, Hawaii

PS Please watch "Food Inc"

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Maggie Costigan

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