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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I strongly agree with everything written in the standard OCA letter. However, I would like to add some things about Hawaii. GMO papaya was planted here and now over 50% of our papaya is GMO. Much of this is papaya that was not planted as GMO due to our lovely trade winds and cross pollination. You have no way of knowing if your papaya is non-GMO unless you test it and who can afford to do that. GMOs are insidious in this way.

When people here in Hawaii tried to find out where GMO pilot fields were being planted, that information was blocked. The company knows that if people find out, they will not want it close to their plants.

There are many instances of the great mistakes that have been made when we put alien plants or animals in a new setting. The mongoose in Hawaii and the cane toad in Australia are just a sample. GMOs are frightenly invasive and we have no idea what we are doing to ourselves, our planet and the life within in it, as well as future generations. We can't change what has already been done, but we can prevent further destruction.

The linking of seed and pesticide is an indication of corporate greed. Not only are they selling GMO seed but forcing pesticides - which they sell of course- as part of the package. How many more chemicals can we pour on our Earth before it is so befouled that it can no longer sustain life as we know it.

Please help to control the giant corporations that are endangering our country and our Earth. They seem to have no conscience so you are our hope.

Sincerely,

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