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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I'm writing this in regard to the Department of Justice's workshops on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

As an organic consumer, I am particularly concerned about Monsanto's control over the seed supply. By buying seed companies and aggressively patenting life, Monsanto has gained control over as much as 90 percent of seed genetics. This is anti-competitive behavior that skews markets and subjects farmers and consumers to the unchecked power of a company that can raise prices at will.

But, my main concern is that the vast bounty of food crops that farmers have cultivated and improved upon over the last 10,000 or so years should not be allowed to be bought up and put out of commission by a company bent on whittling down food varieties to a few pesticide-dependent genetically modified crops. The most devious part of Monsanto's business model is that their Frankenseeds can cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties.

Please consider the importance keeping seeds, the foundation of human life, in the public domain where they truly belong.

Sincerely,

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