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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Monsanto is all about making money and they let nothing get in their way. It is extremely dangerous to allow them to control the seed supply when that is something Mother Nature and people who actually care about the earth should be in charge of. Monsanto is spreading lies about their GMO crops as they do none of the things they claim. They are only resistant to Monsanto's Roundup which farmers are forced to buy and apply more and more of it to their crops. Monsanto is literally killing our planet with its overuse of chemicals. There have been no long term studies done on GMO crops and the short term studies show them to be dangerous. So putting our seed supply in Monsanto's greedy hands is a death sentence to all of us. Quit letting Monsanto rule the agricultural world!!!!

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 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, 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.

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, destroying their unique characteristics and infecting them with

genetically engineered chemical dependence or even "Terminator" or "Traitor" technology that renders seeds sterile, a literal death sentence for seeds maintained through conventional breeding.

The same way we protect animal species from extinction, we should protect plant species, especially the tens of thousands of food varieties, from companies like Monsanto that are consciously eliminating them.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the importance keeping seeds, the foundation of human life, at least in the marketplace, if not in the public domain where they truly belong.

Sincerely,

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