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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

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 concerned about the control Monsanto and other companies have over our seed supply.

By buying seed companies and "patenting life," Monsanto has gained control over as much as 90% of seed genetics. This skews markets allows unfair price manipulation.

But my main concern is Monsanto is making only a few seeds available--only those are genetically modified to be dependent on Monsanto's chemicals. The rest are barely available at all, anywhere.

The crops that farmers have developed over the last 10,000 or so years should not be eliminated by a single company just to make a fatter profit and make farmers dependent on one or two unhealthy chemicals.

These seeds can cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties, destroying unique characteristics and infecting them with chemical dependence.

We need to preserve these plant species. People should have access to thousands of varieties of seeds and foods, not one or two developed and sold by one corporation. Monsanto is intentionally eliminating the use of many crops.

Please investigate the importance of keeping all types of seeds available to everyone.

Sincerely,

Greg Mt.Joy