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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I'm grateful for the chance to comment. I have been following Monsanto's bid to monopolize access to seeds, and i am incensed that they've made it illegal to save seeds from plants i grow on my property. I cannot conceive of a little human club patenting life itself and then throwing up fences around it. I object to Monsanto playing God. This anti-competitive behavior skews markets and subjects farmers and consumers to the unchecked power of a company that can raise prices at will and force farmers to be dependent on their chemicals. I hope you will protect plant seeds the same way the Endangered Species Act protects our brother & sister families of wolves, prairie dogs and whooping cranes from extinction. Will you consider protecting the rights of the public - the rights of us basic folks who plant and harvest and eat?

Sincerely,

Donna Detweiler