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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

As a human being that eats food on a regular basis, 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. Allowing one company this much control makes no sense economically (monopoly), ethically (How can you let one company essentially hold the entire human race hostage?) or biologically (as the Irish Potato famine illustrated, reducing crop variety is an invitation to disaster.)

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.

Concerned,

Clinton Morell