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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Because I know that you will be receiving many similar or same messages, I just want to stress that allowing Monsanto (and other large food conglomerates) to control the food supply, food standards, and food practices actively causes human suffering for people that work for them, the population consuming an actively less diverse food supply (we're omnivores -- we're not supposed to eat things that are chemically and biologically the same over and over), and by harming the earth and creating less opportunity for competition from places around the world that have the ability to grow the same plants. Additionally, the way in which we eat is degrading our cuisine and, in turn, our culture.

As an American concerned about other Americans and the future of our country and planet, I urge you to take swift action and to urge the Supreme Court to try cases that can soon determine the unconstitutionality of making seed genomes intellectual property.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colleen O'Connell