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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

It is a "natural right" to consume fresh and uncontaminated food. Older folks are mystified that food can be sold at a higher cost because it is clean and not a burden to the earth... "so what about the other potatoes I've been eating?" It gives you the feeling of being lied to, and it almost is a lie given the sphere of control that Monsanto exerceizes.

This sphere of control affects me, because access to fresh organic products is inconvenient and costs me much more than processed American cheese and canned Mandarin oranges. This sphere of control affects the majority of Americans, living below the "middle class," whose knowledge of the current agribusiness is severely limited. This sphere of control affects the poor most of all, because there access to fresh produce of any kind is poor if any at all.

I would like to see in the future a disappearance of conglomero that seek to take the place of -mother nature- and see people relearn their place in the food chain- from producer to consumer. Whether it be a home garden or community-city small farm, Americans deserve untampered heirloom seeds that have made it this long, million year journey to now, and undoubtedly and good enough for us. If it aint broke, don't fix it.

You can either spray a potato crop with carcinogeous chemicals, or release lady bugs upon the potato bugs.

What does Monsanto do to solve a problem, modify the seed to be *invincible* to pests and spray it down with chemicals that are known to be hazardous to humans. Kind of makes you wonder if Monsanto's CEO is at all concerned with his own health and well-being. As mankind, does he doubt his genetics? We can modify and question endlessly, but when will Monsanto draw the line? When will the government?

Sincerely,

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