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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 and future farmer, I am very worried about Monsanto's control over the seed supply.

They are buying seed companies and patenting plant life. This is frightening as this enables them to control seed genetics and make available only those seeds that are genetically modified and dependent on Monsanto Chemicals.

There are so many wonderful foodscrops that farmers have provided and have painstakingly improved upon for thousands of years that should be kept free for all. Allowing a company like Monsanto to buy up these and take them out of production so they can make money selling their own select few genetically modified ones is a crime.

The worse part is that Monsanto's genetically modified seeds (which may prove to be health hazards since they have not been time tested) can and do cross-pollinate with organic and non-genetic engineered varieties, destroying these varieties and potentially losing them permanently for all mankind.

I do not want my organic vegetables contaminated with genetic engineered crops planted a field or two away.

Why I have heard told that Monsanto has sued farmers for growing "Monsanto's varieties" without their permission when all that happened is cross-pollination from a Monsanto farmers crops.

This whole thing is criminal in more ways than one.

I don't want my heirloom tomatoes and squashes to become extinct. But this is a real and impending threat.

All plant varieties must be protected from this onslaught.

PLEASE investigate the importance of keeping all varieties of seeds and plants alive, well , intact and available to all. This is our food supply and the food supply of our country and the world. What kind of world will this be for our children and grandchildren if we allow this to continue?

No one should have a monopoly on our food supply, no one.

Please investigate thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Diane Walker