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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>"

I am particularly concerned about Monsanto's control/monopoly over the seed supply.

Having gained control over as much as 90 percent of seed genetics there is now unchecked power to raise prices at will.

My main concern, however, is that while Monsanto has acquired a diverse store of seed genetics, they are only making a few varieties of seed available -- SEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO BE DEPENDENT ON MONSANTO CHEMICALS.

The Monsanto seeds cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties or even be subject to Terminator" technology that renders non-Monsant seeds sterile. This behavior certainly seems to fit the practices of a cut-throat monopoly.

Sincerely,

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