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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I wish to add my concerns as an American to the Department of Justice's workshops on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

I given just 3 months to live and that was with the chemo. I decided if I was dying anyway, I would try "alternative health". As you can see, more than a decade later I am STILL HERE!

The foods I was eating were literally killing me. Now, as an organic consumer, 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.

However, my main concern is that Monsanto's "Frankenseeds" can cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties, destroying their unique characteristics and infecting them with genetically engineered chemical dependence or even "Terminator" or "Traitor" technology that renders seeds sterile, a literal death sentence for the old fashioned farming practice of saving your own seeds for next year.

The same way we protect animal species from extinction, we should protect plant species, especially the tens of thousands of food varieties, from companies like Monsanto that are consciously eliminating them and depriving people like me, who know the value of organic foods, the ability to maintain even a simple back yard garden free of their GMO's.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the importance of keeping seeds, the foundation of human life, at least in the marketplace, if not in the public domain where they truly belong.

I want NEVER to have a doctor tell me (or one of my family members) again that I am dying of some dreadful disease. But if we are forced to consume

Monsanto's invasive GMO varieties, I have NO doubt that it is only a matter of time before this is exactly what will happen. Monsanto must not be allowed to continue this devious practice. It is high time capitalism took a back seat to the health of the American people!

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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