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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."

I am writing about my concern about Monsanto's control over the seed supply.

I'm sure you know that Monsanto has gained control over as much as 90 percent of seed genetics. Monsanto has acquired a diverse store of seed genetics - BUT - they are only making available a few seeds that are genetically modified to be dependent on their chemicals.

The vast bounty of food crops that farmers have cultivated and improved upon over the last 10,000 + years should not be allowed to be bought up and put out of commission by a corporate body.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the importance keeping seeds in the public domain where they truly belong.

Sincerely,

Martha Creedon