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I have been upset about the actions of Monsanto and other corporations taking control over our food supply for some time. For years farmers have saved seeds and now Monsanto has control over a huge amount of seed genetics.

They also promote genetically modified seeds that they sell to farmers under strict agreements that the farmers use Monsanto's chemicals such as Round-Up. These crops are not required to have labels so we consumers are unwilling guinea pigs because there has been no long term testing of these crops for safety. Also, these GM crops are spread to other properties with the wind and weather which can effect hose farmers and consumers who want organic food.

The most devious part of Monsanto's business model is that their 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 seeds maintained through conventional breeding.

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.

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

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."

Sincerely,  
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