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Monsanto is a monopoly. Monsanto's control of seeds in the US is akin to revoking the right to feed oneself. Seeds are one of nature's miracles, creating new life and helping mankind self-sustain. The invasion of Monsanto's chemically rich and genetically modified seeds onto farms, whether by choice, force, or natural dispersal, allows a few very powerful men to control the food market. The power inequity over such a basic life necessity is simply unjust.

I work on a small sustainable farm in Brooklyn, NY that produces fresh, healthy produce for the community. If Monsanto's tainted seed were carried by wind onto the farm to germinate, its detection would warrant a Monsanto lawsuit against us, not to mention compromising the quality and purity of our food. How can individuals defend themselves against conglomerates like Monsanto without serious losses? How can a seed be patented, when it is sure to disperse?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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