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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."

As an organic consumer, I am terrified both about Monsanto's monopoly over the seed supply and the number of connections to Monsanto in the Obama administration. They are hoarding a multitude of seeds, but are focusing availability on genetically modified ones that will guarantee a steady flow of cash to their pockets through the purchase of one-time seeds and chemicals.

I support the local organic farmers where I live and buy 75% or more of my food from them. At this time, I am confident that the food I am getting is indeed organic and has been grown in a manner that will support and improve my personal health and the health of the environment rather than degrade it -- something I cannot say for Monsanto.

It is frightening to think that the crops my farmers are growing could become "infected" through cross pollination of GMO seeds. It is ludicrous to think that my farmers could have Monsanto pressing charges under such circumstances.

Everybody eats and therefore, this is a universal issue. We must immediately protect non-GMO food providing plant species (and others) for the benefit and safety of every person on this earth today and in the future. What will happen to the untainted seeds that have been cultivated over thousands of years? Once they are gone, it will be forever.

It is difficult to control an entity that can do whatever it wishes for profit since they have no competition. My right to choose a better option for health and environmental reasons is being compromised by their greed for financial gains.

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.

Sincerely,

Holly Lubowicki