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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

One need look no further than Michael Taylor to see exactly what kind of rottenness Monsanto Corporation represents. A lawyer for Monsanto before becoming FDA policy chief and vice president of Monsanto after leaving the FDA, Taylor is the archetypal revolving door careerist. He along with others of his ilk, Margaret Miller and Suzanne Sechen, was responsible for injecting Monsanto's rBGH (growth hormone) in the nation's food supply. In fact, Miller's first task at her new job within the FDA was to decide whether or not to accept the report on rBGH safety that she herself had written while she was employed at Monsanto! Little wonder we had acceptance. But much worse was to come. Michael Taylor was tasked to decide whether or not milk from rBGH-treated cows should be labeled as such. Well, he decided that it shouldn't. In fact, he decided that it should be a criminal act for dairies who don't use rBGH to say as much on their labels, and found a willing Agricultural Secretary, Dennis Wolff, to declare it illegal. (So much for freedom on speech.) Thus, Taylor helped Monsanto maneuver itself into a position from which it could punish dairies that wish to advertise their rBGH-free products and deny consumers the ability to protect themselves from the risks of rBGH exposure. And scientists the world over have found plenty of health risks involved with Monsanto's rBGH as well as its genetically engineered seeds. With the kind of agency oversight we have in Washington, however, it will be 50 years or more before U.S. guidelines in these areas square with the rest of the industrialized world. Meanwhile, I have switched to goat milk, and I did NOT vote for Hilary Clinton in our state's primary, solely because of her connections with Monsanto. Rest assured I tell anyone who will listen (Republican or Democrat) about Bill Clinton's willing participation in this betrayal. One expects this kind of creepiness from Republicans, but I hold candidates of my own party to higher standards.

Sincerely,

Vicky Marlette