From: hillaryurich@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 5:23 PM
To: ATR-Agricultural Workshops <agriculturalworkshops@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Comment on Monsantos control over seed varieties

Hillary Urich
4654 Black Swan Dr
Shawnee, KS 66216-1277

December 23, 2009

US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

Biodiversity is essential in all aspects of life. Monsanto has gained control over 90% of seed varieties, yet offers very few for farmers to grow.

The Irish Potato Famine was caused by too many farmers growing the same variety of potato. In the same way, if a new disease were to attack even one of the few varieties of seeds Monsanto makes commercially available, the resulting crop loss could be widespread resulting in sever disruptions to the globa food supply.

We need to continuously grow many varieties of each type of crop for the security of our future food supply.

Please break up this monopoly and allow smaller farms and seed companies to maintain the biodiversity in our food supply.

Sincerely,

Hillary Urich