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I am particularly concerned about the patenting of life forms and the ownership of what should be a human birthright---decent food grown from seeds that are the product of human agriculture for thousands of years. When farmers and individual gardeners lose the ability to grow their own seed stock, we are in great danger of losing biological diversity and regionally specific, highly productive, environmentally safe methods of growing food. Monsanto has a particularly brutal track record of intimidating farmers and relying on dangerous chemicals to perpetuate their power over food production.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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