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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 particularly concerned about Monsanto's control over the seed supply. The same way we protect animal species from extinction, we should protect plant species, especially the tens of thousands of food varieties.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the importance of keeping seeds in the public domain where they truly belong.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bettenhausen