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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

To Dept. of Justice,

I can only write from my heart about Monsanto. I have talked to small farmers in Nicaragua who are loosing their farms because of GMOs. They save some of their corn each year to plant the next. When GMO gets into their crop the next year a stalk grows but no corn. They have to buy new seed from "Monsanto". They do not have the money to do this and the crop they expected to grow didn't so even less money and food for their families. In Colombia I have lived and accompanied communities try to keep their homes/land. Now with Pres Uribe buying enough Roundup from Monsanto to fumigate through 2012 they are afraid. I have seen what the fumigation has done since Plan Columbia. Their crops, water, and health are contaminated by Roundup. The paramilitaries brought them coca after Plan Columbia and told them they had to grow it or will be taxed but would be taxed less if they grow it. What choices do they have? Would this be happening to them if they did not live on a gold mine that multinationals want? In El Salvador, Monsanto has brought the largest seed company from an ex-president. My friend is so upset because GMOs will becoming and the same thing in Nicaragua will be happening there. I truly do not think that Bill and Linda Gates would be supporting Monsanto as they control the world with GMOs. This is not saving Columbia, Nicaragua or El Salvador. More people are going hungry and loosing their farms and Monsanto does not see the poor. I feel hopeless and helpless because of Monsanto's control in my government such as Clarence Thomas and many more lawyers, and now Rajiv Shah and Islam Siddigui. There is no way I or any organic farmer can compete with Monsanto. I also wonder, Why so much cancer? Could it be pesticides, all the fertilizer, and GMO's from Monsanto and other companies. I have seen the people dying in Nicaragua that work for our banana companies. They have no voice but death. I pray someday that US Corporations, government etc will find out that money and power does not make us happy. Total peace and happiness come from within. Please listen to the poor. Sincerely in Peace, Doris Braley

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