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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I would like to urge your department to fully investigate the policies of the company Monsanto. They have been engaged in attempting to monopolize the entire seed supply worldwide in an effort to promote their own genetically modified seeds.

By attempting to patent all seeds they are in fact attempting to patent all food. This is a serious threat to the planet in that we must promote rather than discourage the saving of seeds by farmers. If we end up with only one type of seed, one that has been genetically modified by a company such as Monsanto, then we are in serious trouble. All it would take would be one unforeseen catastrophic event, such as a particular pest or some climactic disaster, and whole crops could be wiped out forever because of a lack of diversity.

At this critical juncture when many farmers are attempting to farm more sustainably and organically, we should be encouraging them to maintain their individual crop seeds. Presently, the genetically modified Monsanto seeds can easily cross-pollinate with these more traditional and organic seeds and pollute them.

The public has finally realized how important organic agriculture is to their health, and our government should be protecting these farmers against monopolistic policies of large corporate entities whose sole goal is to ultimately own all the seeds of life.

As a member of the public I believe that I deserve to have my food supply protected by my government. Please do all that you can to assure that companies like Monsanto do not get away with running rough shod over those farmers who supply us all with the food we need to live.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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