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To Whom It May Concern:

Ever since since the 1980's my concern about agribusiness control over the genetics of corn, wheat, rice and soy beans and sorgum has been ongoing. It was very clear years ago this would explode into total exploitation because control over whether a seed would grow in Texas or in India and produce sterile offspring could be seen as a road to profit. The concern we had then and have now was that the seeds used would produce sterile offspring and would integrate into the local, native crops to produce sterile seeds so that the local farmers had to buy new seed from the multinational genetically controlling seed producer instead of saving seed for next year's crop from the previous year.

This has come to pass as we read in BBC in the news from Africa. And guess who is the seed producer? Monsanto.

The second concern we had in the '80s was whether or not any companies could withstand the pressure from genitech agribusiness partners and continue to produce non-genetically modified, ie natural, food stuffs. Of course they couldn't. So now we have far fewer natural, nongenetically modified seeds available for farmers or for common people. Have you tried to grow tomatos from the first year's seed lately? Not the second year...you can't. Every product in my garden this year was an attempt to grow from the seeds from last years crop. All, ALL were not able to reproduce or if they did the result was a miscarriage of ill-gotten forms sans fruit.

This must stop. You must stop it.

Actually, I think this quest for world domination by genetically controlled crops is a conspiracy. What better way to control a whole population than by increasing food costs until the foods are unaffordable and totally disallowing the local population to grow their own because the local seeds and the only seeds we can buy are genetically sterile. So the choice is starvation or buy into the political philosophy of the genentech company. Easy to take over that way.

Please investigate. Grow your own garden this summer. Try to find a single seed from Lowe's or Home Depot, Sears, KMart or Agway that reproduces itself. You won't. And you must not buy seeds from a heritage seed company. That would be cheating since we can't get those seeds easily.

Please go after Monsanto...don't restrict your investigation to the US. Look at this as a global problem.

Sincerely,
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