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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

As an organic consumer, I am particularly concerned about Monsanto's control over the world's seed supply. Monsanto has gained control over a large percentage of seed genetics. This is anti-trust behavior which skews markets, and subjects farmers and consumers to the unchecked whims of a company that can raise prices at will.

My main concern is that Monsanto has acquired a diverse store of seed genetics, seeds which are now being genetically modified to be dependent on their chemicals. Monsanto refuses to allow research on the genetically modified crops they produce. We have no knowledge of the long term effect of GM crops. The vast bounty of food crops available in the world should not be put out of commission by a company bent on whittling down food varieties to a few pesticide-dependent genetically modified crops.

The most devious part of Monsanto's business model is that their GM seeds cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties, destroying their unique characteristics and placing them under Monsanto's patent controls. Plant species need to be protected from extinction. Monsanto's manipulation of crops endangers the world's food supply by eliminating natural biodiversity.

Sincerely,

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