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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 and their indiscriminate and calculated manner of monopolizing farming and food supply in our country and others.

By buying seed companies and aggressively patenting life, Monsanto has gained control over as much as 90 percent of seed genetics. This is anti-competitive behavior that skews markets and subjects farmers and consumers to the unchecked power of a company that can raise prices at will.

The most devious part of Monsanto's business model is that their Frankenseeds can cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties, destroying their unique characteristics and infecting them with genetically engineered chemical dependence. We should protect plant species, especially the tens of thousands of food varieties, from companies like Monsanto that are consciously eliminating them.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the importance keeping seeds, the foundation of human life, at least in the marketplace, if not in the public domain where they truly belong.

I also urge you, BEG YOU, to investigate how and why the US Government allows the American people to be GUINEA PIGS, by not requiring labeling of GMO ingredients in our food. These things have not been tested and should be banned, in my opinion. But short of banning, the American people should AT LEAST know when something is GMO or has GMO ingredients in it. Monsanto's tactic of keeping these things off label is surely suspect.

And leave small farmers alone! Monsanto's tactics of putting farmers out of business by lawsuits is hurtful to the country.

Sincerely,

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