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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."

I'm an organic consumer, I am particularly concerned about Monsanto's control over the seed supply.

As our citizens are developing cancers younger and in greater numbers, it's very possible that our immune systems are unable to withstand the onslaught of toxins found in our food and environment. As someone sustaining life through healthy foods, there is nothing I can buy to eat from my neighborhood supermarket. I must:

- a. raise my own food from non-Monsanto seeds,
- b. find reputable organic markets, and
- c. eliminate dairy, wheat, meat, alcohol, sugar and especially, sugar substitutes.

When I'm in a regular chain supermarket it's like being in a wasteland. Read labels and you'll see the impact of Monsanto-like thinking. There is lots of false advertising about "natural," but very scary ingredient lists.

For a company to "own" most of our nation's seed supply and to modify that supply to be dependent on their chemicals seems not only immoral but an absolute antitrust issue.

I and many friends work hard to get as pure a food as possible. The cross pollination problem with Monsanto seed will quickly overtake all those efforts. I demand the right to raise unadulterated, unmodified food for myself.

The vast bounty of food crops that farmers have cultivated and improved upon over the last 10,000 or so years should not be allowed to be bought up and put out of commission by a company bent on whittling down food varieties to a few pesticide-dependent genetically modified crops.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the

importance of keeping seeds, the foundation of human life, in the public domain where they truly belong.

Sincerely,

Lora Woods