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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.

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.

But, my main concern is that, while Monsanto has acquired a diverse store of seed genetics, they are only making available a few seeds that are genetically modified to be dependent on their chemicals.

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.

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 or even "Terminator" or "Traitor" technology that renders seeds sterile, a literal death sentence for seeds maintained through conventional breeding.

The same way we protect animal species from extinction, we should protect plant species, especially the tens of thousands of food varieties, from companies like Monsanto that are consciously eliminating them. My case is an example of what genetically modified foods did to me, specifically Soybeans. Last January, my doctor discovered 4 lumps in my breast. The only thing I had been doing was daily amounts of soy products. I started to research this and discovered that all my soy was coming from Monsanto GMO seeds. For 2-3 years straight I had been ingesting vast amounts of

soy and soy products that were NOT organic. I developed lumps in my breast. I went on a complete detox treatment, and cut out ALL SOY (gentically modified phytoestrogens) from my diet . In 6 months time those lumps started to disappear. I shudder to think what would have happened had I not done that. I have since then switched to eating as much organic as possible after doing further research into how dangerous genetically modified food really is. You see, in order to be resisitant to their pesticides they are gentically modified to CONTAIN these pesticides, exactly the way that vaccines work! In other words, would you like a little Round-up with your fries???

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

Sincerely,

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