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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I'm sure you've read over the blanket form letter many times, so I won't send that.

Our government is supposed to be for the people, not for corporations, but there have been many actions (or inaction) over the years, for whatever reasons, that seem to have corporations in greater regard than the citizen -- citizens who in general expect agencies like the FDA and USDA to protect them. And yet it has been the practice of these agencies to allow things that may be harmful (DDT, BPA) until proven harmful, and doing this latter seems to be difficult. With the current research on BPA how is it still allowed??

The same can be said for Monsanto's pesticide and herbicide laden Frankenfoods. We are allowing these to infiltrate our food sources to a degree where they are almost unavoidable.

Worst of all, these "foods" have the potential to contaminate both our food supply and our planet to a degree that we may not be able to remedy once done.

Extreme, yes, but I have this fear that someday we will all be eating "Soylent Green"-style food or more realistically, just a few foods, as that is all that's available, after Monsanto has taken control of all agribusiness and the GMO products have wiped out all other varieties. As I said, yes, this is extreme, and yet it's not. Look at what is happening in Mexico with their corn varieties - wiped out by GMO corn.

I do not depend on my government to protect me. I research and educate myself and make choices based on my beliefs, but even so it is becoming harder and harder to be able to avoid GMO's, potentially harmful additives and preservatives, nanotechnology and the like. The more we allow Monsanto to be a monopoly the greater this challenge becomes, and the greater risk and likelihood that such an extreme and terrifying future is awaiting us.

To avoid such things I try to eat local as much as possible and from small, family farms. And Monsanto is doing their best to ruin family farms and eliminate this choice for me as well.

I believe in doing for myself, but I ask that you take measures to stop the monopoly of Monsanto, look into the methods through which their products have been approved, stop the intimidation of small farms by Monsanto, and require labeling of products that are genetically modified. Yes, I ask a lot. :)

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alisha O'Hara, Concerned Citizen!