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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I am writing in advance of the Department of Justice's workshops on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

As an organic gardener and shopper in New Mexico, I am particularly concerned about Monsanto's contamination of American agriculture with genetically engineered soy, corn, sugar beets, and other vegetables. Now Monsanto, with US government help, wants to get GE alfalfa on the market. I oppose such a move.

I live surrounded by alfalfa fields. I fear super-weeds resulting from inevitable spraying of Round-up on Monsanto's GE crops, including alfalfa.

In its quest to control the food supply, Monsanto is endangering us all. The US government should protect us. Evidence shows no nutritional benefit from GE soy, and GE corn is now shown to be a reproductive health hazard to mice. Cattle eat alfalfa, and if we allow GE alfalfa, Monsanto will be contaminating our beef. It's time to rethink genetically engineered crops. I ask for a prohibition on GE alfalfa now.

Sincerely,

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