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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

It is with great displeasure that I write you, Chief Justices, under the circumstances, that the great varieties of wildlife are put at risk from Experimental Genetic Engineering. The very vegetation from which man has sprung, is both delicate and important in understanding the capacities of natural healing and health. It is said that the rain forest and other vegetation holds many cures to the ailments of humanity. To destroy several types of a plant, in favor of one more suitable to economy, is irresponsible; for it underscores sustainability; the most fundamental element in maintaining an over populated planet.

Not only is Monsanto's GE crops losing momentum, but so are their pesticide solutions that endanger all life on Earth. Inventor, Avi Klayman has found a safe and futuristic answer to our crop problems. Here's a sample from Care2 Petition Sites Post on the innovation:

"Klayman has developed seven different varieties of highly specialized agri-nets, designed with micro-fibers construction to catch even the smallest insects (e.g. thrips), featuring photo-selective technology, making them suitable for everything from vegetables and flowers in greenhouses, to fruit trees and open field crops.

And, as Natural News' Ethan Huff reported, "in the rare case that one of these bugs was able to get through the net, the unique design of the nets would filter the light in such a way that the pests would be immediately blinded and immobilized once inside."

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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

Gerard Daley