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I am writing because of the lack of integrity, honesty, and ethics displayed repeatedly by Monsanto. Their genetically modified crops have never been adequately tested for potential adverse reactions in humans. At the same time they have worked very hard to make sure that these genetically modified foods will not ever be labeled making it impossible for concerned consumers to avoid these untested new foods. They have contaminated neighboring farmers organic crops with these genetically altered crops. Rather than compensate the organic farmers for the crop and financial damage caused by this contamination, Monsanto has instead repeatedly sued the neighboring farmer for stealing the genetics of their genetically modified seeds. Monsanto has also been found guilty of poisoning towns with their pesticides. Hundreds of farmers in India committed suicide after being convinced by Monsanto to purchase their genetically modified insect resistant cotton seeds at a very high price. The seeds did not protect the crops from insects and the farmers were left with failed crops and a huge debt. The list goes on and on yet Monsanto is still given huge preferential treatment by our government.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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