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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

This isn't your "cookie cutter" form letter from the OCA. This is my concerns as an American Citizen who has the Constitutional right to LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Supreme Court made a grave error in allowing the patenting of seed. I believe they did not have a full understanding of Mother Nature's Soil Food Web, the effects of conventional and genetically-modified farming on global warming as well it's destruction of biodiversity and wildlife in the environment. Please go to the USDA and research just what the Soil Food Web is and it's vital importance to growing food, acting as a filter for our water supply, retaining carbon and fixing nitrogen into the soil.

I urge the DOJ, President Obama, the heads of the USDA and FDA and every member of Congress to view "Dirt the Movie" to get an understanding about how we can heal our planet, improve our economy and protect the rights of American Citizens to "pursue life" by protecting the Soil Food Web. What is life without the ability to grow your own food without being liable for "patent infringement" from any corporation?

Antitrust? Indeed - on so many levels!!! It is wrong. Period. It is Un-Constitutional. This technology has not been adequately tested for human consumption. Rats won't eat genetically-modified potatoes. What does that tell you? Our entire food system needs to be overhauled to make the patenting of seed illegal, the genetic altering of seed illegal, subsidizing crops instead of the independent farm illegal. The DOJ, USDA and FDA should and must support organic growing practices to reduce global warming by as much as 40% within a short period of time, improving air and water quality and lessening dependence on fossil fuels which are required to produce pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. Restore America's topsoil and restore the environment and the economy. If President Obama is serious about change, the he needs to firmly establish this Administration on one side or the other. There is no "middle-ground" on this issue. It's like saying there is a middle ground to slavery or child prostitution. His legacy will be he was either part of the problem or part of the solution. End of story.

Thank you for your time. An organic family gardener on Cape Cod.

Sincerely,

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