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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

As an organic consumer, I am particularly concerned about Monsanto's control over the seed supply.

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.

Further, the behavior of Monsanto has driven private farmers to ruin through aggressive lawsuits and crippled the diversity of our national seed stores. We are essentially allowing one company to completely monopolize an entire segment of our national food supply. Monsanto has achieved this monopoly by placing high acting members in high ranking positions within our own government, including top positions in our own FDA.

As an American citizen I find this monopoly a grave risk to our health and our food supply and an investigation into their business practices is essential in ensuring biodiversity, safety, and food chain security.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,

Danny F. Gibas