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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in advance of the Department of Justice's workshops on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

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.

But, my main concern is that, 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.

If Monsanto is not stopped, all life on earth will die. I don't think we are ready to throw in the towel on this physical experiment yet, so please help us return to fair practices. Monsanto wants to own all of the seeds in the world. They modify them so that they will not reseed themselves. the GMO crops they produce are not food and will create death if allowed to continue. Did you know chickens will not even eat the corn produced from their seed? Also put a stop to the patenting of life. This is a practice which will have no end if allowed to begin. Some things have already happened in the pharmaceutical field which is equivalent to patenting life, like the red yeast rice and vitamin B. This cannot happen. Where will it end? Will someone be able to patent sunlight and control who is allowed to receive sunlight? Stop Monsanto or know you are killing the human race. Non diversity in food crops will lead to death and starvation soon.

Sincerely,

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