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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

I comment the Department of Justice for scheduling a worksho on
"Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

I am an organic consumer who is very concerned about Monsanto's control
over the seed supply.

I am especially concerned about contamination of neighboring, non-GE
crops by Monsanto's genetically engineered seeds. Scientists and consumers
around the world have raised questions about the health effects of GE
drops and their negative effect on the environment. When Monsanto's GE
seeds cross-pollinate with organic and traditional varieties, they destroy
the ability of farmers to maintain the integrity of their non-GE crops and
they make it virtually impossible for consumers to be sure that the food
they buy has not been contaminated by cross-pollination with GE seeds.

Cross-pollination by GE seeds can also infect traditional or organic crops
with genetically engineered chemical dependence or even "Terminator" or
"Traitor" technology that renders seeds sterile.

I am also very troubled by the fact 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. Monsanto
currently controls approximately 90 percent of seed genetics. This type of
anti-competitive behavior is clearly the type of behavior our antitrust
laws were designed to prevent.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Mead