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Subject: Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in STRONG opposition to what has been nicknamed "Project Corn," Monsanto Corporation's experimental "research facility greenhouse" at Twin Peaks. This location brings up many safety and health concerns, being so close to public schools, chemical-free family farms (which would be tainted by cross-pollination and run-off from chemical farms), and homes of elderly citizens with delicate immune systems, to name just a few considerations.

I am a recent Pima County resident, having just moved to Tucson from Austin TX on September 1, 2016. I had envisioned buying a home in NW Tucson after a year or two of renting, but if Monsanto sets up shop in Pima County, I may strongly reconsider, and relocate to a town that takes seriously the task of preserving the environment and protecting the health of its residents.

In my research and decision process of where would be best for me to live after leaving Austin, my greatest concerns had to do with improving my health and quality of my natural environment. Like So Many Tucsonans, I moved here to heal: to have access to clean mountain air, holistic healthcare practitioners, an eco-conscious community and sustainable, locally grown organic food.

Tucson's UNESCO "City of Gastronomy" designation and our local Native Seed Project spoke to me, making me feel like the residents and local government here are progressive and well-educated enough to prioritize sustainable, eco-friendly approaches to growing food. I considered the forward-thinking emphasis on sustainable agriculture (even in the desert!) as a major benchmark of the kind of town and local values I wanted to be a part of.

As you can imagine, I was SHOCKED and horrified to learn about the Board of Supervisors even *considering* allowing Monsanto to come to Pima County, given their track record of polluting local ecosystems around the country, hiring corporate lawyers to help them dodge responsibility, and ultimately leaving the communities they've polluted with a settlement check, that hardly scratches the surface of making the much-needed reparations. They simply throw money at the devastation they've caused, and move on to the next piece of virgin land to be polluted.

Offering up Pima County land *and tax incentives* to a multi-national chemical corporation (known for polluting and disregarding environmental laws), is a betrayal of the citizens. Allowing Monsanto to conduct research on GMO crops and chemical pesticides is not just foolish and short-sighted, but Reckless and harmful to everyone who calls this home.

On top of these considerations, Monsanto has also requested extremely large quantities of water to be pumped in for their use. Not only does Pima County lack the water supply necessary to support the project, but in allowing Monsanto to operate within our districts, we are permanently endangering the long-term health of our fragile ecosystem and groundwater reserves.

Is a short-term influx of Corporate dollars worth poisoning Pima County land, air, water and residents??

Over the years I've done a considerable amount of research into the dangers and health risks of GMO food and the aggressive over-use of pesticides that accompanies GMO Agriculture. Not to mention our national Cancer epidemic, made much worse by chemical companies polluting our air and water with a plethora of chemicals that have been deemed "possible and probable carcinogens" by the FDA.

It's not enough for people like me (and all the at-risk children & elderly folks who call Tucson home) to simply boycott GMO food products. Those of us who are chemically sensitive or have digestive issues can come to great harm when pesticides like glyphosate (a probable carcinogen and endocrine disruptor) enter the atmosphere and taint the local water and "organic" food supply.

When it comes to the reasons so many Winter Visitors and transplants choose Tucson (and Pima County at large) as a place to visit, spend their money and invest in homes, Health and Ecology are at the top of the list.

Should Pima County choose corporate money over the well-being of its citizens, we will lose not only our UNESCO City of Gastronomy designation, but we'll likely also lose long-term income from health & eco tourism, once word gets out that Tucson & Marana not only *Allowed* Monsanto to come to our area, but further gave them huge tax incentives to do so.

Please take the well-being of ALL of Pima County residents into consideration. Monsanto took 5 years to devastate the fragile ecosystem of Molokai, Hawaii, then left a huge polluted mess by throwing a settlement check at it. *Is this really the legacy you want to leave behind for Southern Arizona, after your term at the Board of Supervisors?*

Sincerely,

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NO TO MONSANTO!

The Board of Supervisors are not concerned with the citizens of Tucson if they allow tax breaks to Monsanto. A company that has done so much damage worldwide and continues to behave criminally ought to be shut down, not given tax breaks.

Tucson and Arizona will suffer greatly. Our water, air and land will be contaminated by Monsanto and leave us to live with the damage.

People move to Tucson for the clean air; they won't be able to after Monsanto has damaged our home. Tucson relies on this to bring people here. Travelers won't want to come here to be exposed either.

I for one do not want my family to have health issues. Nor do I want to. There are folks who are suffering now and this would only make their health worse.

Monsanto is crooked. They buy people off to get them to vote them in. They force themselves onto the farmers. My husband's grandfather had a personal experience with Monsanto many years ago.

NO, NO, NO!!!! MONSANTO!!!!!!

Gael Brock
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JANUARY 14, 2017

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF PIMA, ARIZONA

TUCSON AZ

REF: MONSANTO'S AVRA VALLEY AGRICULTURAL FACILITY

BOARD MEMBERS,

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, YES, MONSANTO WILL DELIVER WHAT THEY HAVE PROMISED.

ON THE DARK SIDE, MONSANTO HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF THE MOST EVIL AND CORRUPT COMPANY IN THE WORLD. IT IS A PROVEN FACT THAT EVERY WHERE THEY GO THEY POLUTE THE WATER, POISON THE SOIL, AND KILL THE BEES, BIRDS, AND ANIMALS.

THE FOOD THEY GROW IS SO BAD THAT THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THEY ARE EATING IT (NO LABELING). SCIENCE HAS PROVEN THAT WHEN A HUMAN EATS IT, IT BEGINS TO SLOWLY KILL THEM FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

SO SHOULD A COMPANY WITH THIS DARK SIDE BE AWARDED A TAX BREAK?

CHOOSE WISELY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS YOUR CHILDREN AND LOVED ONES WILL BE DRINKING THE WATER AND EATING THE POISON.

Wanda Browning

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CLERK'S NOTE:
COPY TO SUPERVISORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DATE 1/23/17

Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry negotiated a back-room deal that allowed Monsanto to buy 155 acres of farmland just outside of Tucson, and promised the company a huge tax break.

Monsanto plans to build a research and development facility on the land. The Biotech Giant will also grow test plots of experimental seeds and GMO crops.

A group of concerned Tucson citizens are publicly opposing both the conversion of more Tucson farmland to biotech crops, and the way in which the deal was structured in Monsanto's favor, behind closed doors.

Time is running out to stop this Monsanto back-room deal and preserve Tucson farmland. Can you help? Here's what the campaigners on the ground urgently need:

Legal help: If you know a lawyer who would be willing to provide pro bono legal advice to Tucson-area activists fighting this deal, please **email Kaare:**
kaare@organicconsumers.org

Media contacts: If you have good contacts with Tucson and/or Arizona journalists who can help publicize the corruption behind this deal, please **email Kaare:**
kaare@organicconsumers.org

Phone calls: The best way to let Huckelberry and Tucson supervisors know that the public opposes this project is to turn out large crowds at upcoming public meetings. **You don't need to live in Tucson**—anyone can help with phone calls to Tucson-area residents alerting them to the project and encouraging them to attend the meetings. **If you can help, please sign up here.**

Why should this man wish to destroy our water table

Top 10 Facts YOU Should Know About Mor

1. No **GMO Labeling Laws** in the USA!
2. Lack of Adequate **FDA / USDA Safety Testing**
3. Monsanto Puts **Small Farmers** out of Business
Farmer Suicides After GMO Crop Failures
4. Monsanto Products **Pollute** the Developing World
500,000 **Agent Orange** Babies
5. Monsanto Blocking **Government Regulations**
6. Monsanto Guilty of **False Advertising & Scientific FRAUD**
7. Consumers Reject Bovine Growth Hormone **rBGH** in Milk
8. GMO Crops Do NOT Increase **Yields**
9. Monsanto Controls U.S. **Soy** Market
10. Monsanto's **GMO Foods** Cause NEW Food Allergies

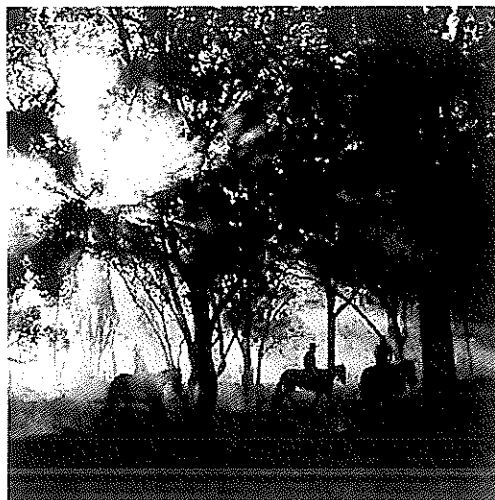
Some GMO foods have been proven in laboratory tests to...
CAUSE: cancer, sterility, miscarriages, seizures and even death!

The entire report is 18 pages

Left in the Dust?

Monsanto's propaganda machine churns out a steady stream of lies and misinformation. One of its most dishonest—but unfortunately, effective—talking points is that the world will go hungry if we stop growing GMO crops, which oh-by-the-way can't be grown without massive amounts of poisonous chemicals.

Fact is, here in the U.S. alone, 13.1 million children under 18 don't have consistent access to enough food, according to the U.S. (USDA). That number will soar, right along with soaring temperatures, if we don't stop degrading and poisoning our soil and water, some scientists warn.



A recent article on Mercola.com cites research by bio-ethicist George Dvorsky. Dvorsky warns that modern industrial agriculture puts us at risk of a 1930s Great Depression-style dust bowl:

Researchers Michael Glotter, Ph.D. and Joshua Elliot, Ph.D., from the University of Chicago, ran computer simulations to predict the effects of a Dust Bowl-like drought on today's maize, soy and wheat crops.

"We expected to find the system much more resilient because 30 percent of production is now irrigated in the United States, and because we've abandoned

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Ever since agribusiness giant Monsanto began pushing its GM crops on the public, the company has maintained that the technology is safe, and that **consumption of Frankenfood products**, such as genetically-modified corn, causes no ill effects in either animals or humans.

Monsanto propaganda holds that GMOs have been proven safe, but the truth is that few real safety studies have ever been conducted, while much of the existing scientific literature on the subject is bogus industry-backed drivel. However, despite Monsanto's efforts to control the narrative, **independent researchers** have been finding evidence that contradicts the company's claims.

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GM Watch recently published the results of one such study, conducted by two researchers at the Faculty of Medicine at Tanta University, Egypt.

The researchers fed Monsanto GM corn – a genetically-

altered version of a local Egyptian corn variety – to laboratory rats over a 90-day period, with a control group being fed a non-GM variety of local corn. (RELATED: Stay informed about all the news on GMOs at GMO.news)

Researchers find 'alarming signs'

The rats which were fed the GM corn (MON810: Ajeeb YG) developed “serious damage to the surface mucous membranes of the jejunum (part of the small intestine).”

From *GM Watch*:

“In the GM-fed rats, some areas of the villi – finger-like structures in the intestine that absorb nutrients from food – were damaged. They were distorted and flattened, with some cells joined together. The damage can clearly be seen in the images included in the study. The crypts (mucosal glands) were disrupted and blood vessels were congested. Signs of inflammation – white blood cell infiltration – were seen around areas of damage. In addition, the cells of the intestinal lining were abnormal in structure.

“Other signs of damage included increased shedding of mucosal cells, increased numbers of mucous-secreting goblet cells, and higher rates of division of cells lining the crypts.”

The researchers concluded that despite Monsanto’s assurances, the consumption of GM corn “profoundly altered the histological structure of the jejunal mucosa at many levels and revealed several alarming signs.”

Two earlier Egyptian studies involving rats that consumed the same Monsanto GM variety corn revealed other types of damage. One of the studies found “differences in organ and body weights and in blood biochemistry” between rats that consumed MON810: Ajeeb YG and those which ate a non-GM version of the same variety, suggesting that the GM corn might produce “potential adverse health/toxic effects.”

The second study, conducted by the same research team, found “toxic effects” in several organs of lab rats caused by the same GM variety – including damage to the liver, kidneys, intestines and testes.

The publication of the study comes as the European Commission pushes plans to begin growing MON810 corn in 2017. A vote is scheduled for January 17.

Monsanto GM corn strain poses genetic contamination risk

Interestingly, there appears to be another problem with MON810. Independent nonprofit research institute Test Biotech has reported that MON810 poses a risk of GM transgenes spreading to other plant species, and is calling for a withdrawal of Monsanto's application to the EU for approval of its cultivation.

It's become increasingly evident that GM technology has turned out to be – as many predicted – a dangerous experiment gone completely awry. GM crops have failed to produce the promised yields, while more and more studies are uncovering health risks associated with the technology.

Glyphosate, the main ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup – an herbicide essential to the whole Monsanto biotech equation – is a highly toxic and carcinogenic chemical. Glyphosate has now become the most widely used herbicide in history, and roughly 19 percent of all glyphosate produced since it was first introduced in 1974 has been dumped on the United States alone. (Related: We also cover glyphosate "RoundUp" news at Glyphosate.news)

It's time for a complete global ban on GM agriculture *and* the use of glyphosate.

To stay informed on all the nefarious people pushing these poisons on humanity, read MonsantoMafia.com.

01/17/17

MONSANTO

Barbara Mostoff
Cell [REDACTED]

COUNTY ADMIN CHUCK HUCKELBERRY, JUST HAD HIS SALARY RAISED \$8,000. FOR DOING A GOOD JOB? I GUESS PIMA COUNTY CAN AFFORD THAT THEY DO NOT NEED TO RAISE THE SALES TAX A ½% FOR LACK OF MONEY.

ESPECIALLY NOW THAT WE FIND OUT HE, HUCKELBERRY HAS BEEN IN **SECRET NEGOTIATIONS** TO GIVE A TAX BREAK TO MONSANTO FOR THEIR PLANNED GREENHOUSE AND ALSO USE THE FIELDS TO GROW THEIR CORN. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WILL NOT BE MINIMAL. THE MONSANTO CORPORATION IS WELL KNOWN FOR LYING. **TELL THE PEOPLE ANYTHING NOW AND THEN IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO STOP MONSANTO. AHH, TOO BAD.**

IN 1993, **THE CONCEPT OF SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE** WAS INTRODUCED BY THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—SOUNDS GOOD & IMPORTANT. HOWEVER THIS IS AN **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMPANY—MAKING MONEY, NOT A PUBLIC HEALTH BODY.**

MONSANTO USES ROUNDUP & OTHER CHEMICALS THAT ARE KNOWN PROBABLE CARCINOGENS AS REPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER. THEY USE DICAMBA THAT CAN KILL CROPS & GARDENS MILES AWAY. **WHAT THEN WILL YOU DO?**

IT WILL BE TOO LATE. THE SOIL WILL B E DESTROYED AND THE WATER TAINTED.

THE BOARD OF SUPVRS HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THIS LAND & THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE NOW, THE PPL WHO WILL LIVE HERE IN THE FUTURE. I FOR ONE WILL MOVE OUT IF YOU ALLOW THIS

DEPLORABLE COMPANY TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE PLANNED AND TO ALLOW THEM TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE NOT & WILL NOT TELL YOU THEY WILL DO. IF YOU WANT YOUR TAX BASE TO BECOME SMALLER YOU ARE ON THE CORRECT ROAD. PEOPLE WILL MOVE OUT.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE BD OF SUPVRS. DO NOT ENCOURAGE & ENTICE GOOD COMPANIES TO MOVE HERE BUT YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO BRING MONSANTO IN? THIS IS ABSOLUTELY CRAZY.

GMO'S ARE ONE OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE EPIDEMICS IN THE UNITED STATES. BY THIS I MEAN: OBESITY, DIABETES, ASTHMA, INFERTILITY PROBLEMS, ORGAN DAMAGE, IMMUNE PROBLEMS,

GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS, FOOD ALLERGIES, CANCER, ADHD & EVEN AUTISM. MANY OF THESE DISEASES, OVER TIME, HAVE INCREASED AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF CHANGES IN OUR FOOD.

PEOPLE DON'T WANT GMO'S. GOING TO FARMERS MKTS IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES FOR CONSUMPTION FROM LOCAL FARMERS WHO DO NOT USE INSECTICIDES. YOU WILL STOP THIS.

YOU WILL PUT THE PEOPLE-OF THIS COUNTY AT RISK & BUSINESSES— THAT PAY TAXES OUT OF BUSINESS & FOR WHAT?

A COMPANY THAT IS A KNOWN LIAR.

THINK CAREFULLY---WE ARE IN JEOPARDY AND SO IS YOUR FAMILY.

Pollinator-Aware Farming

by Kathryn Keatley

There are many simple, inexpensive ways farmers and landowners can promote pollinator health. The three key steps to bee-friendly farming are: recognize, adapt and provide.

RECOGNIZE

Understanding and identifying pollinator habitats is an easy way to start your own pollinator protection plan. The majority of farms are rich in potential pollinator habitats. Take a walk around your land and take note of critical bee habitats. Areas that attract bees include: field borders, windbreaks, fence lines, woodlots, areas around farmhouses, yards and buildings, waterways, pond edges, wetlands, ditch banks, south-facing soil embankments, utility line easements and hedgerows. Consult your local extension service for additional resources about native bee species and habitats in your area.

ADAPT

Making even a few simple adaptations in farming practices and land management procedures can promote bee health and activity. Minimize disturbances to lowlands, pond borders and wet areas. These areas provide important water sources and plant resources for bees. Some bees, such as the mason bee, need clean mud to build their nests and rely on these riparian areas. Many pollinators, such as the sweat bee, live in underground burrows and need bare soil to nest and thrive. Leaving open areas around and near fields can promote these pollinator's health and productivity.

Using minimal or no-till field management practices also allows important pollinator populations to thrive. Many crops, such as forage mixes, can be sown directly into existing plant litter and require no tilling, and the presence of existing plant material adds organic matter to enhance soil health. Utilizing no- or minimal-till farming promotes soil health by minimizing erosion. Maintaining healthy soil improves crop yields and thus profits, reduces need for soil fertility inputs, and promotes the sustainability of land resources.

Land managers can allow field borders and fencerows to grow native plant species, such as goldenrod, milkweed, pussy willow, dandelion, yarrow, chicory and purple prairie clover, among many others, to attract pollinators. Erosion control is an added benefit of native growth areas, as many of these plants have deep roots that help hold soil in place and alleviate soil compaction and erosion. Most native plants pose little threat to agricultural fields, but identifying and eliminating non-native, invasive plants is a crucial part of land management and crop success. Herbicides are often used to eliminate invasive species, and they are responsible for killing off essential bee forage plants and destroying critical habitats.

PROVIDE

Creating safe nesting sites for bees may take a bit of effort, but the returns are worth the effort. Some programs offer easements, reimbursements, or tax exemptions to landowners who plant plots of land to native plant mixes, such as prairie plants, that support local ecosystems. This type of land management program can be a good way for farmers to use less-accessible, or difficult-to-manage fields while promoting the health of pollinators and native ecosystems. When possible, avoid clearing tree lines and brush areas. Trees provide much-needed windbreaks for bees, and dead wood and fallen trees provide

protected nesting areas and spaces for bees to overwinter. Adding flowering cover crop species to crop rotations is a way to improve soil health and create valuable pollinator habitats. Using cover crops such as red, crimson, and alsike clovers, buckwheat, alfalfa and partridge peas serve as natural weed control in fields and provide forage for pollinators. These crops can be interseeded with other crops and orchard or vegetable plantings to create pollinator-friendly polyculture fields and help minimize weed pressure. Many flower-producing cover crops also add organic matter, nitrogen and other important nutrients to the soil which improves plant health and yields. Buckwheat, clover and alfalfa can be effectively paired with corn to promote weed control, nitrogen mobilization and restoration, and provide pollinator forage. Vetch, clover and other flowering legumes pair well with many grain crops promoting erosion control, nitrogen-fixing and pollinator forage.

Farmers and land managers play a vital role in providing our food supply with wholesome, nutritious foods, but they do not do it alone — pollinators play an essential and irreplaceable role.

you have designated pima County riparian areas - please add these steps for protection of them and review the gaps in your policies because you have no remedies for pesticide drift destruction.

Thank you

Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting – 1/17/2017

I strongly opposed the Foreign Trade Zone Designation and the 66% tax break that Monsanto is seeking. Monsanto is a Multi-Billion dollar corporation that can afford to and **should** pay its full amount of taxes just like all of the citizens and small businesses in Pima County. In fact, using Monsanto's figures for Fiscal Year 2016, it had a profit of \$3.6 million per day. This is not a company that needs a tax break. Instead, we should be offering breaks to local, independent farmers who are practicing environmentally healthy and sustainable farming and are the backbone of our thriving farmers markets and the local food movement. Contamination of these farms will jeopardize Tucson's prestigious title of UNESCO City of Gastronomy, the only city in the US to be awarded this title.

Per Foreign Trade Zone regulations, a zone must adequately serve "the public interest" and "must not be detrimental to public interest, health or safety, or pose unusual or unacceptable problems or hazards. This in and of itself should disqualify Monsanto from Foreign Trade Zone considerations.

Monsanto has a history of poisoning the surrounding air, soil and groundwater and then using the company's power and wealth to avoid the costs of cleanup. Their products are known to be hazardous to humans and all living things. It is known for producing Agent Orange, Round-Up (known to contribute to the decline of bees and a probably human carcinogen) and Dicamba, a highly toxic herbicide associated with lung cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, reproductive damage, birth defects and hormonal disruption. This threatens the health of the unique ecosystem of the Sonoran Desert, which brings tourists from all over the world, and it also threatens the health and quality of life of the citizens of this community.

This is the company, with its deplorable track record, that will be setting up shop 1.5 miles away from Marana HS.

The 7 acre greenhouse is a way to lull us into complacency, when the full plan is to eventually use the rest of the land for traditional ground production with all the spraying and chemicals that brings with it as well as use other local farmers to raise test plots. The research and experimentation done in the greenhouse will not stay contained as they say. This raises the issue of contamination of surrounding conventional and organic farms and

the economic impact this will have on those farms. Plus, Monsanto has a history of then suing the victims of this contamination for patent infringement.

The rationale for the tax break is that Monsanto will bring jobs... but, it is only 40-60 jobs, many of which will be part-time, with no guarantee that they will be local hires and the average salary will only be \$44,000/year. This does not warrant the kind of tax break they are seeking.

Do we want this community to be a beautiful green gem in the desert that people come from all over the world to experience or a chemical wasteland? Monsanto will not bring anything of value to our community. If **you** support this tax break, then **you**, the **County Supervisors** will be selling out the citizens of Pima County for a few measly jobs.

Thank You

Torrey Postal

January 17, 2017

STATEMENT TO PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: MONSANTO TAX INCENTIVE/PROJECT CORN

At the November 22nd Board of Supervisors meeting, The December 13th meeting, the January 3rd meeting, as well as all of the District meetings held on this subject to date, the public has spoken with a resounding “no” on the Monsanto tax incentive.

I point out that those of us who are able to come and speak at these meetings represent multitudes more who feel the same but cannot be here, given that this is a day and time where vast numbers of the public are at work and not at liberty to miss work to attend this meeting. (I note that none of the meetings, not even the District meetings, have been held on a weekend.)

I am missing work to attend these meetings, which I’m at liberty to do only because I own the business, and it costs me a great deal to do so. So why I am willing to bear that cost to be here to speak to you? I’m willing to bear the cost because the income I’m missing in order to be here today won’t do me any good if there is no clean air left to breath, clean water to drink, or safe food left to buy.

Does that sound extreme? I don’t think it is given Monsanto’s track record.

Just days ago the Port of Portland filed suit against Monsanto, not stating a dollar amount, but asking for *clean up* of polluted waterways contaminated with Monsanto chemicals. (These damages are estimated to be in tens of million or hundreds of millions in this location alone.) This follows on the heels of Washington State filing suit against Monsanto for the same thing last month, as according to one article every waterway in the state of Washington was found to be contaminated with Monsanto chemicals. Port of Portland is the 10th public entity on the West Coast to file suit against Monsanto with similar claims. The suit alleges that “Although Monsanto knew for decades that PCBs were toxic and knew that they were widely contaminating all natural resources and living organisms, Monsanto concealed these facts and continued producing PCBs.” This sounds familiar, as it sounds a lot like the March 2015 report from NBC that Monsanto failed to report hundreds of uncontrolled releases of toxic chemicals at its eastern Idaho phosphate plant. To me this sounds like a Monsanto track record of hiding information from the public about the dangers of its products and activities.

Does this sound like a good corporate neighbor to usher into Pima County? I think not.

In the Board of Supervisors Memorandum from Administrator Huckleberry dated November 22, 2016, his recommendation included the notation that the Monsanto proposal would “not [risk] the residents of Pima County’s health, safety, or welfare.” The residents of Pima County keep showing up at your meetings to talk about the health and environmental concerns based on Monsanto’s track record because we strongly

believe offering an incentive or support for Monsanto could open the door for Monsanto to exploit our personal and environmental health, safety, and/or welfare.

I note that as far as the Foreign Trade Zone is concerned, there is an exception for things that are "detrimental to the public interest, health, or safety." (Source cbp.gov, the Customs and Border Patrol website).

Monsanto has a track record of products and practices that are detrimental to the public interest, health, and safety.

Vote "No" on Monsanto. In my opinion you could not find a worse corporate citizen than Monsanto. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cori McGraw, J.D.

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Pima County concerned citizen, voter, and business owner

I want to say Thank you ^{to} ~~the~~ this Pima County Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Valadez, in particular, for the open meetings on this issue of modified corn production proposed ^{within} ~~for~~ our community. I have gotten to learn about some amazing technology in the concept of the greenhouse production of food. ~~with or without GMOs.~~

I have gotten to meet some knowledgeable, well-intentioned people on both sides of the issue, but must still take a stand against the whole concept of *GMOs*, Glyphosate and the next iterations of *GMOs*, stronger herbicides and insecticides. The result has been poor stewardship of our health and our planet. I reject the basic premise of this manipulation of science. The next step in my mind is to ask for the opportunity to meet with the Science Advisory Committee with the same free exchange of ideas and information.

I appreciate Patrick Cavanaugh, who has conducted these meetings with a fair and even hand, summarizing arguments reasonably well and posting accessible information from both sides on the Pima.gov website.

I have listened to John Post and other local farmers whose livelihoods they perceive as having been enriched, even saved, by genetically modified seeds and related herbicides. I conversed after the Marana School Board meeting, with his Dad, Dan Post, hearing about their continued use of good agricultural practices of crop rotation, fallow ground, alfalfa crops. That helps counter my ^{concern} ~~awareness~~ of the corporate, industrialized mono-culture farming that has followed in the wake of Monsanto's direct and indirect take-over of agriculture in the mid-West. There are good people in small scale farming out here in the independent West.

But none of that has changed the fact that this whole experiment of genetically modified foods and creation of killer herbicides and

pesticides has been bad for humans, animals, native environments, the soil, water and air. *and was pulled off without our consent.*

These fine scientists and farmers need to re-evaluate their priorities in life and find ways to use technology and their agricultural practices to once again work in harmony with God, nature and the environment and reverse this outrage. They need to see the results of their handiwork on their fellow farmers that raise animals for food which are increasingly sick with things those farmers have never seen before. It is only when they change their diets that they see dramatic improvement in the health of their animals and their livelihood is saved.

The same has happened for me and many other humans. However, humans are complex, sloppy subjects for science. Animals on the other hand provide a better assessment since variables can be better controlled. One change in food does the trick because they have no choice. They have to eat what they are given. There also can be no placebo effect.

This is adequate science and proof that this infiltration of our food supply has to stop. I would like to see it stop right here in Pima County, in the state of Arizona in the United States of America. We must take back our food sovereignty.

In our consideration today of whether Monsanto should come to Arizona particularly to Pima County to continue its production and use of pesticides and GMO seeds, I, as well as many others, and five plus organizations here in Tucson who spoke to Governor Hull's Committee in 1998, all of us are not in favor of Monsanto coming here, nor any other company they sell out to to continue their work, whether Bayer or any other.

The reason is because their products kill (injure and harm) people as well as the bugs, and our needed pollinators, bees etc. Why should we promote and allow such dangerous products to be used and produced in our county? Many of us came here for health reasons among which is to breathe clean air, drink clean water, eat good food, and preserve this area for future generations to do the same.

Pesticides are the number 1 killer of children. I know at least six adults that have died of pesticides in the Pima County area in the last ten plus years. I have almost died many many times from pesticides,

several times from Monsanto's Round Up.
They have disabled me over and over again.
Please do not use them anymore.

There are safer nontoxic products to use
instead- Please promote these companies
instead of Monsanto and its buyers etc.

We do not want the G-MO seeds
and its products of Monsanto either. They
have negative affects on people too. We
do not want our native seeds messed up
either. Please do not allow them to come
here.

Submitted to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for review
by Dru Heaton on 01.17.17

‘SEC. 735. In the event that a determination of non
4 regulated status made pursuant to section 411 of the
5 Plant Protection Act is or has been invalidated or vacated,
6 the Secretary of Agriculture shall, notwithstanding any
7 other provision of law, upon request by a farmer, grower,
8 farm operator, or producer, immediately grant temporary
9 permit(s) or temporary deregulation in part, subject to
10 necessary and appropriate conditions consistent with sec
11 tion 411(a) or 412(c) of the Plant Protection Act, which
12 interim conditions shall authorize the movement, introduce
13 tion, continued cultivation, commercialization and other
14 specifically enumerated activities and requirements, in
15 cluding measures designed to mitigate or minimize poten
16 tial adverse environmental effects, if any, relevant to the
17 Secretary’s evaluation of the petition for non-regulated
18 status, while ensuring that growers or other users are able
19 to move, plant, cultivate, introduce into commerce and
20 carry out other authorized activities in a timely manner:
21 Provided, That all such conditions shall be applicable only
22 for the interim period necessary for the Secretary to com
23 plete any required analyses or consultations related to the
24 petition for non-regulated status: Provided further, That
25 nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the
1 Secretary’s authority under section 411, 412 and 414 of
2 the Plant Protection Act.’

From: Ted Warmbrand <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 15, 2016 12:48 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ted Warmbrand
402 S Star
Tucson AZ 85719

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From: Gayle Hartmann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 15, 2016 1:15 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Monsanto is a company with an extremely dubious reputation; we do NOT need them in Pima County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gayle Hartmann

2224 E. 4th St.

Tucson, AZ, 85719

Tel. [REDACTED]

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From: Ray Clamons <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 15, 2016 2:32 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: NO to Project Corn!

I urge you to vote NO on "Project Corn" and Monsanto moving into Pima County. I urge you to give no Tax Incentives to any Monsanto affiliated business or company. The history of water pollution due to herbicides & fertilizers is documented and a serious threat to our community and the resilience of Pima County.

This city has worked hard to achieve the Honor of a UNESCO City of Gastronomy and the introduction of a company with the history of Monsanto into this community is 100% the opposite from the direction the farming community is going.

Thank you for voting NO on "Project Corn"

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From: Sharon O'Brien <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 15, 2016 4:23 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.


The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon O'Brien
5833 E South Wilshire
Tucson, AZ 85711
[REDACTED]

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From: Mac Hudson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 7:41 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mac Hudson, 140 N Melwood, (85745)

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From: linda poverman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 9:04 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Project corn

am against Project Corn and the incentives that Monsanto will receive out of tax payer pockets.
Linda Poverman

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From: Erica Swadley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 9:22 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erica Swadley
8805 N. Scenic Drive
Tucson, AZ 85743
[REDACTED]

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From: Kevin Dahl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 9:25 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Oppose Monsanto project in Pima County

Board members:

Please do not support any incentives, deals, or even a friendly handshake with the proposed Monsanto facility in Avra Valley.

I have been involved in food and agricultural issues in Pima County for decades, and have seen a wonderful resurgence in family farming, community supported agriculture, restaurants serving a wide diversity of wholesome nutritious foods, and an effort that led to Tucson being named a UN City of Gastronomy. We are becoming a tourist destination and great place to live based on this interest.

The type of food production and consolidation of corporate power that Monsanto represents is the antithesis of what as a community we have become. Yes, they may come of their own accord, but please do not do anything that encourages them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Dahl
1609 E. Spring St.
Tucson, AZ 85719
[REDACTED]

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From: Lenore Sudhop <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 11:03 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn -NO!!!!!!


I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.
NO TO MONSANTO!

Thank you for your consideration.
Lenore Sudhop
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From: Anne B Stericker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 12:33 PM
To: COB_mail
Cc: Anne B Stericker
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn, and certainly NOT to provide any tax incentives to Monsanto.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne B Stericker
Citizen, Tucson and Pima County

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From: Kathryn Seidler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 3:06 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathryn Streer Seidler
5755 E. Rosewood
Tucson, AZ 85711

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From: Judith Kent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 3:40 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn
Categories: Red Category

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judith Kent the, 102 East 1st Street, AZ, 85705, [REDACTED]

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From: Jamie Flynn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 16, 2016 7:07 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: No to Project Corn

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Pima County Resident and I am writing to express my opposition to the tax incentives being offered to Monsanto. This corporation has a shameful history and will NOT benefit our community. At the very least, there should be more public forums so that our voices can be heard in this decision.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jamie Flynn
2049 N 1st Ave
Tucson, AZ 85719
[REDACTED]

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From: Linda Damon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 17, 2016 9:10 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: opposing Monsanto

Please deny Monsanto from coming to our area. Their methods, chemicals and GMOs affect insects which affect birds and bats and bees-pollinators and we don't want them in our community. No tax breaks either!!!!
Linda Damon
Marana

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From: George Girard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 17, 2016 10:10 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona. Currently in Pima and Cochise Counties we have budding organic food production that is healthy for the environment, our health, and our economy. Monsanto's projects and products have not only endangered such farms elsewhere in this nation, but in some instances have destroyed them. Although Monsanto claims that there is no cross pollination, still they have sued adjacent farms alleging infringement of their patents even though the farmer was growing organic crops. The cost of litigation alone can put a small farmer out of business. The small farms support families and their communities. We must not endanger them for the mere 50 jobs that Monsanto promises. If you want to give someone a tax break, give it to the small farmer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emojean Girard
910 W. Schafer Dr.
Tucson, Az. 85705
Tel: [REDACTED]

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From: Barbara Amodei <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 17, 2016 10:20 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Keep Monsanto out

Keep Monsanto out of our community. We don't need them here on the heels of the UNESCO award. We don't want them messing with our long history of biodiversity.

Barbara Amodei
4774 E. 24th Street
Tucson, AZ 85711

Sent from my Virgin Mobile Phone.

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From: Sarah Rachelle Renkert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 17, 2016 11:40 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: No to Monsanto


Hello,

I am writing to oppose Monsanto's construction of a greenhouse here in Pima County. As I am sure you are aware, Tucson was awarded a City of Gastronomy designation from UNESCO's Creative City Network. The arrival of Monsanto is a complete rejection of the foundational purposes underlying why we received this designation. It rejects our agricultural heritage, efforts to localize our food economy, emphasis on ecologically regenerative food systems, and the importance of healthy whole foods (particularly for our children). By allowing Monsanto to come in, the county is basically demonstrating that this designation is nothing more than a tourist gimmick which is attempting to obscure the county's support of not only mass agriculture, but of a company with a long history of abuses, both social and ecological. We need to focus on supporting local farmers, keeping our economy local, and closely considering the relationship between agriculture and farming in the Southwest. I am also extremely concerned that they may not have to pay taxes and that school children may visit the greenhouse. We should be supporting our school gardening programs, not indoctrinating kids into Corporate America's version of agriculture.

Thank you,

Sarah Renkert

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Sarah Renkert
Graduate Student
School of Anthropology
University of Arizona

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From: Eleonora Demaria <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 17, 2016 1:08 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn. The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona. Thank you for your consideration. - Eleonora Demaria
2637 N Plumer Ave, Tucson AZ
[REDACTED]

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From: Elaine McDonald
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 6:32 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Monsanto

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please share this message with all County Supervisors and other interested parties.

I strongly oppose Monsanto's plans to move into Pima County. I don't believe there is any way they can control leaks and contamination of their chemicals and seeds to the air, water and surrounding land, and I believe that it poses a health risk to our people, vegetation, and animals.

I definitely do not want Monsanto to be enticed or rewarded with tax breaks from the Pima County Board of Supervisors! If they do move into the area and conduct business, they should be responsible for the full amount of taxes possible.

Please think about the best way to protect our environment, community, and habitat as you make your decisions. We trust you to consider safety above all financial aspects.

Thank you.

Elaine McDonald
6222 W. Black Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85713

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From: Sylvia Bushell
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 9:51 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am opposed to "Project Corn"

Please do not allow Monsanto to begin polluting our state with pesticides and GMO corn that is proven to create health issues when consumed.

Protect our environment. Oppose Monsanto's "Project Corn".

Thank you,
Sylvia

Sylvia Bushell

6912 E. Avalon Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Phone:
Email:
Web site: www.greenfeather.press

Sent from my iPad, of course!

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DATE 1/13/17 RR

From: Tanika
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:41 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am opposed to 'Project Corn

Please don't allow this to happen.
We have children and we don't want toxins and pesticides in our beautiful state.
Please consider telling Monsanto NO!

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

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I like to be surrounded by splendid things
-Freddie Mercury

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From: Marj Kenney
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:48 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am completely opposed to Project Corn!

I truly hope and MUST believe that you're not so ill-informed that you aren't aware of the disease and death caused by Monsanto's toxic agri-business. We do NOT need or want pesticides such as glyphosate in our soils and precious water - much less our food! And for all the destruction they cause, you would then give them a 65% tax break??????

How sick is all this?! Where is your integrity? What are you leaving to your children and grandchildren, other than toxins and endocrine disruptors to adversely effect their growing bodies? For the sake of the almighty dollar? How shameful.

I sincerely hope you re-think your position and boot Monsanto OUT OF ARIZONA!!

Here's another thought - How about increasing organic farming in Pima County? More and more people are becoming aware of the toxins in our foods and are demanding healthier alternatives. The benefits are countless, including making more money, (because the demand is there and growing), and being able to look yourselves in the mirror with pride, knowing you did the right thing!

Thank you.....Marj Kenney
Chandler, AZ

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