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Monsanto Corporation
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sirs,

In our land of plenty it is a shame to see a company continue to produce lethal chemicals knowing that all life is endangered by their use. All the profits in the world are useless if nothing lives to enjoy them. Our species and every other living thing exists in delicate balance yet you continue to tip the equilibrium toward extinction for all by your production and distribution of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) and DDT. Drugs far less dangerous than PCB and DDT have been kept off the legal market by governmental agencies, but the control of the chemical industry is far different from the control of the drug industry. My question is this: why can't you exercise self-control and caution and remove the highly toxic products from the market until your chemists develop safe replacements? I cannot believe that any group can be so blinded by the dollar sign that they completely destroy their environment to fatten their purses. How grand, a full purse at the expense of all living things.

I'd like to see my children mature and I look to the time when a grandchild or two will be mine to spoil, but how can my hope become reality if their bodies

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are weak and sterile or if they succumb to cancer before they reach maturity? The horrible truth is that my children won't be the only ones suffering on this planet - all children of all forms of life will be equally in peril.

Please, for all the children, devote your time to producing life-maintaining and environment-restoring chemicals. Find a way to undo some of the now supposedly permanent effects of PCB and DDT. Use the scientists and laboratories under your jurisdiction for constructive purposes.

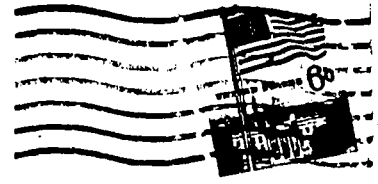
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