

Activist farmers join Monsanto protest

Nearly 300 family farmers, activists, and members of Food Democracy Now! gathered in front of the White House today, directly after a hearing on the landmark Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association et al. v. Monsanto case. Citizens assembled to demand that Monsanto end their campaign of intimidation against America's family farmers over GMO- also known as genetically engineered (GE)- crops, and that President Obama halt approval of GE food. The demand for President Obama included stopping the approval of GE salmon until independent long-term safety tests can be conducted.

Thirty-one family farmers, plaintiffs in the landmark lawsuit OSGATA et al v. Monsanto, travelled to Washington, D.C., from across North America to attend the Oral Argument in the Appeal of Dismissal heard before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and also to protest in demand of the right to farm without the threat of harassment by the world's largest biotech seed company. Monsanto has sued, or settled in court with, more than 844 family farms since 1997 over "patent infringement" after their seeds naturally spread to nearby farms.

A recording of today's complete Oral Argument in the OSGATA et al. v. Monsanto Appeal of Dismissal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is available [here](#).

"Family farmers need and deserve the right to farm. We have a right to grow good food and good seed for our families and our communities without the threat of trespass and intimidation," Jim Gerritsen, an organic potato farmer from Maine and President of OSGATA, the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, told the enthusiastic crowd.

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