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Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn
President
The World Food Prize Foundation
666 Grand Ave, Ste 1700
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ambassador Quinn:

We are writing to commend you and the World Food Prize Foundation on the theme of this year's World Food Prize, "The Next Borlaug Century: Biotechnology, Sustainability and Climate Volatility." The World Food Prize Foundation's unwavering support of science and its application to agriculture will have a profound impact on global food security in the years ahead.

This year, in recognizing three pioneers of modern agricultural biotechnology, Marc Van Montagu, Mary-Dell Chilton and Robert Fraley, the Foundation affirms the determinations made around the world by prominent scientists and organizations, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, that biotechnology is a safe and critical tool of modern agriculture.

Feeding a world population of nine billion people by 2050 in the face of increasingly severe weather and environmental conditions simply cannot be done without the full benefit of modern science and biotechnology. The genetically modified seeds that are being released today produce higher yields while using less water and fewer inputs, thus promoting sustainability by placing fewer burdens on the environment. These seeds are critical tools in meeting the challenges of global food security and climate volatility.

Thank you very much for entering this important discussion.

Sincerely,

AACC International
Agricultural Retailers Association
Alabama A&M University
Alliance to Feed the Future
American Coalition for Ethanol
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists
American Soybean Association
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Beet Sugar Development Foundation
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Certified Crop Advisor Program
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers
Congressional Hunger Center
Cooperative Extension
Corn Refiners Association
Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching
Council for Biotechnology Information
CropLife America
CropLife International
Crop Science Society of America
Delaware State University
Global Harvest Initiative

Grocery Manufacturers Association
Growth Energy
Idaho Grain Producers Association
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Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Kansas State University
Langston University
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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Michigan State University
Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers
Montana Grain Growers Association
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National FFA Organization
National Grain and Feed Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council

National Potato Council
National Renderers Association
National Sorghum Producers
North American Export Grain Association
North American Millers' Association
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
North Carolina Biotechnology Center
North Carolina State University
North Dakota State University
Oregon State University
Purdue University
Renewable Fuels Association
Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation
Soil Science Society of America
South Dakota State University
Sun Grant Association
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Wheat Producers Association
The American Phytopathological Society
The Ohio State University
Tuskegee University
United Fresh Produce Association
University of California, Davis
University of Connecticut College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
University of Delaware College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Kentucky

University of Maine – Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station

University of Maryland

University of Missouri

University of Nebraska

USA Rice Federation

U.S. Beet Sugar Association

U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Dry Bean Council

U.S. Grains Council

U.S. Wheat Associates

Virginia Tech

Washington State University College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences

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