

October 1, 2013

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn  
President  
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666 Grand Ave., Ste. 1700  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ambassador Quinn:

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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 change.

Thank you very much for entering this important discussion.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Arntzen, Regents' Professor, Arizona State University

Dr. Roger Beachy, Executive Director and CEO, Global Institute for Food Security

Joshua Fouts, Executive Director, Science House Foundation

Dr. Calestous Juma, Professor of the Practice of International Development; Director, Science, Technology, Globalization, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Dr. James Murray, Professor, University of California, Davis

Dr. Robert Paarlberg, B.F. Johnson Professor of Political Science, Wellesley College

Dr. C.S. Prakash, Professor, Plant Molecular Genetics, Tuskegee University

Dr. Pedro Rocha, Coordinator, Biotechnology and Biosafety, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

Dr. Robert Thompson, Visiting Scholar, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies Johns Hopkins University; Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois

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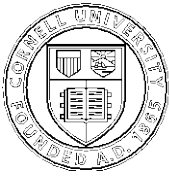
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Shelton".

Tony Shelton  
Professor of Entomology  
Professor and Associate Director of International Agriculture