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Dear Messrs. Martin and Gordon:

I am responding to your letter of January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Syngenta CEO Mike Mack demanding that Syngenta immediately cease its commercial activities for the corn seed technologies Agrisure Viptera® and Agrisure Duracade® pending Chinese import approvals and the near simultaneous statement you sent to the news media.

To be clear, we will continue to move forward with our 2014 Viptera seeds campaign to give growers more access to this important technology. We will also continue with an introductory launch of Duracade on limited acres in consultation with the National Corn Growers Association.

Syngenta has brought more new GM corn traits to the market over the past eight years than any other technology company. Indeed, Viptera has been commercialized since 2010 and is today used on millions of acres of corn across the United States, Brazil, Argentina and Canada. The trait won the Agrow Award in 2010, in the “*Best Novel Agricultural Biotechnology*” category owing to its broad-spectrum insect control at a time when growers were facing increasing amounts of insect pressure.

Your letter states that your organizations “support agricultural biotechnology” but your request for us to “immediately halt commercialization” of Viptera and Duracade “until such time as China and other US export markets have granted required regulatory approvals” is in clear contradiction of that stance.

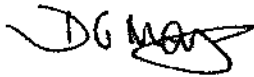
Firstly, let me restate the facts as they pertain to China and Viptera. The Chinese regulatory system has a target of 270 days for the approval of biotech traits for importation. As you well know, Syngenta filed its submission four years ago. During that time we have received approvals for Viptera, with the very same data package, in the well-established trade countries of Japan, Korea, Canada and Mexico and also the European Union.

Your letter, taken literally, would mean that it is the Chinese regulatory system - currently not functioning in a predictable or timely manner - which will decide which tools are going to be available to US corn growers in the future.

Demanding the withdrawal of much needed technology for US corn growers will not remove the grain that has been in the grain handling system for three years now nor is it a credible solution to the wider problem of asynchronous approval processes and timelines around the world. A more productive and beneficial approach, and one that would truly benefit US growers, would be to increase collaborative efforts to engage governments and the value chain in bringing about harmonized regulations for biotech traits.

We will continue to press for Chinese import approvals for both Viptera and Duracade. We will remind our grower customers to familiarize themselves with the NCGA "*Know Before you Grow*" program for their grain and will work with them at harvest regarding the marketing of this grain.

I am willing to speak directly with executives from your member companies at any time if there is scope for us to work together and press for important changes to promote a predictable and transparent regulatory environment globally.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DGMorgan'.

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