



Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We appreciate your administration's efforts over the past two years to elevate the U.S.-China dialogue on agricultural innovation and urge you to make biotech approvals a priority issue with President Xi Jinping during his official visit to Washington later this month.

Last year in Beijing, the United States and China created the Strategic Agricultural Innovation Dialogue (SAID), which if managed properly, can be a venue for the United States and China to advance common agricultural objectives and ensure an ongoing commitment to transparency, open communication, and science-based regulatory decision-making for biotech crops and grains. We are hopeful the United States and China will expeditiously engage in a formal SAID conversation.

While we applaud the creation of the SAID and appreciate China's approval of three long delayed biotechnology-derived crops, we are concerned by the continued long delay in approval of additional products. China's Ministry of Agriculture continues to delay regulatory action on a growing number of biotechnology-derived crops. It is also proposing new regulations which threaten to create additional regulatory uncertainty. Both of these actions run counter to commitments made last year to bolster science-based agricultural innovation and trade policy and have a negative impact on the U.S. food supply chain and Chinese buyers who rely on commodity market stability. Biotech products are essential to that market stability because agricultural innovation and modern plant breeding techniques help farmers grow stronger crops with higher yields.

We ask you to seek assurances from President Xi to implement the commitments made last year by advancing the full queue of biotechnology products, including the seven currently awaiting final import approvals. In addition, we ask you to elevate and intensify the SAID so our countries can, over the longer term, jointly tackle serious food security, environmental, and rural economic policy challenges which face both our nations.

Sincerely,

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