

July 24, 2012

Dear Steve,

As a follow-up to our face-to-face conversation on February 9 of this year, at your request I'm writing to thank you for participating in the Monsanto Dicamba Advisory Council (DAC) from the period of Sept. 2009 to Feb. 2012. I would like to express my appreciation for the time you have devoted to the DAC. Monsanto has benefited from your candid feedback, and discussion resulting in a better understanding the nature of your concerns regarding dicamba-tolerant technology.

As you recall from attending the first meeting of the DAC in Sept. 2009, the focus of the DAC has been – and continues to be – obtaining broad stakeholder input for the purposes of developing a successful commercial weed control tool for farmers and those around them. That process has included anticipating possible concerns surrounding the introduction of Roundup Ready® Xtend Crop System and engaging stakeholders to help address those concerns for a successful commercial introduction. As those weed-management solutions are now in the regulatory-approval phase, DAC members will be focused on planning successful go-to-market and stewardship implementation strategies.

Earlier this year, you established and began your chairmanship of The Save Our Crops Coalition (SOCC) – which upon launch described itself as “formed to present concerns to EPA and USDA in an effort to prevent non-target damage associated with herbicide tolerant crops” and “change the regulatory course” for this new technology. By all appearances, this coalition is aimed at cross purposes to that of the DAC and led us to the conclusion that your continued participation created a conflict of interest.

While we believe your continued participation in the DAC is not appropriate, due to the conflict of interest, we would like to maintain a direct working relationship with you and Red Gold (and others as appropriate), through a series of regularly schedule conferences, so we may continue to ~~receive~~ continue to enlist your input and to discuss ways new technologies and sensitive crops can coexist. We look forward to our discussions, and again, we thank you for your contributions to date.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Magin

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