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To whom it may concern,

I felt after I read the AP article on Monsanto and the seed industry that I would like to comment. First, I work as President of Legend Seeds Inc. located in De Smet, S.D. Legend Seeds is an independent Regional Seed company. My wife and I are the majority shareholders; we have 20 minority shareholders. We started Legend Seeds in 1990 and have had the opportunity to see many changes in the seed business during the last 19 years.

The biggest change in the seed business by far is the biotechnology available today. This has in my opinion been very positive for our customers – farmers. It has not only allowed conservational farming methods to be more successful, it has reduced the need for insecticides. I envision even more advantages in the future as new traits are introduced. I believe biotech has allowed our customers many more choices today than in the past, more choices both in genetics but also in the traits they may need.

Our business would be vastly different without the licensing of traits and genetics from the large biotech companies. This broad licensing policy has allowed us as an independent the opportunity to evaluate all genetic programs and the traits that may be available with the needs of our customers and their operations. Without this broad licensing we would be at a distinct disadvantage in the market place.

The market has become more competitive with all the trait providers wanting to increase their market share in both traits and genetics. With our ability to license the traits from multiple biotech companies we feel we can be competitive. This competitiveness has made most seed companies better in delivering value to the customer.

Without the licensing policies in place today we would not be in the market to the degree we are.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Davis', is written over a light blue background.

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