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Mr Joseph Daul
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Dear Mr Joseph Daul

I work combined as a farm adviser and as a project leader for EU Interreg projects at an independent research institute in Sweden.

I write to you to ask you to tomorrow (Wednesday) move for rejection of the Motion for a European Parliament Resolution on Biotechnology: Prospects and Challenges for Agriculture in Europe (2006/2059(INI)) proposed by MEP Virrankoski from Finland.

I am not against progress and I am very concerned about farmers. For the sake of long term progress it is vital that the risks of genetic modification are taken seriously *before* further advancement is allowed, and that a reliable and clear definition of responsibility for who is liable when GM crops spread wild and thereby affect farmers who grow crops to consumers that value that the food is GMO free.

Genetic modification is not an adequate answer to global warming, poverty reduction or creation of job opportunities in the country side. The techniques to solve these problems exist and is well documented. What is needed is measures to lower the level of conflict. GM instead increases the level of conflict. The GMO process has many points where points of view of common people as well as independent experts have been overrun. The conflict level is already high.

If the Virrankoski motion is approved it will only sharpen conflict and have a negative effect on popular perception of the European Parliament.

I propose that the motion is rejected with the motivation that a broader background research first be made that includes a veto power for civil society and where it is explicit that it shall be based on research that is in no way financially connected to enterprises that have invested in GM technique.

Yours sincerely

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