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- To:**
1. Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
 2. Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
 3. Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health
 4. Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly
 5. Speaker of the Senate
 6. Director General, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)



Petition to Fast Track Research on Insect Resistant Maize and the Lifting of the Importation Ban on GMO Crops

In the year 2015, Cereal Growers Association (CGA) members alongside other members from the public submitted their views in support of the application by Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) to the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) for environmental release of stem-borer resistant maize variety and for placing on the Kenyan market agricultural biotechnology products. While we thank NBA for conditionally approving the application, we note with concern the failure by National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to grant the applicants the environmental impact assessment report permit to allow for the research process to continue citing a cabinet ban on the importation of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) crops into the country.

Since then, CGA members from eight (8) counties (Bungoma, Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Trans Nzoia, Kakamega, Elgeyo Marakwet, Meru and Machakos) have signed petitions demanding for the immediate access to biotech crops to mitigate impacts of climate change and reduce crop losses due to pests and diseases. These members have requested CGA to present their petition to the relevant authorities on their behalf for action. Enclosed please find a list of 5,306 farmers from the 8 counties who have signed the said petition.

As CGA, we wish to reiterate the importance of allowing research on the insect resistant maize and other products to continue. We believe once the variety is eventually released to the farmers, it will help mitigate the devastating impacts of climate change, pests and diseases that continue to cost our members millions of shillings in damages. We also urge the government to lift the GMO importation ban as we believe it serves no useful purpose.

We look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,
Cereal Growers Association


Stephanus P. Kruger
National Chairman



① Director Legal Services/
DLPS

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appropriately.

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③ Mr Charles Munyene
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