



Senator Aric Putnam,
Chair, Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3215
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Putnam,

On behalf of Corteva Agriscience, who proudly supports Minnesota growers and farmers, we would like to submit the attached written background information for your committee discussions on April 21, 2025.

Treated seeds are an indispensable tool for Minnesota farmers. They are a precision agricultural tool that protects a farmer's most significant investment each spring, the seeds they plant during a short planting window. With the application of the crop protection materials <u>directly</u> to the seed, the need to apply far greater volumes either through foliar or aerial applications is dramatically reduced. This targeting not only lessens the overall volume of materials used but also lessens the potential dispersion or run-off from those materials.

As key decision makers in Minnesota, you should feel confident in the robustness of the regulatory structure surrounding seeds, crop protection tools, and seed applied technologies. Multiple layers of federal and state regulatory oversight are applied to <a href="every element">every element</a> of a treated seed.

Corteva Agriscience, alongside our industry partners, are relentless innovators. The safety and efficacy of our seed products and crop protection tools, and the profitability of our customers, drive every decision. Applied seed technologies are an indispensable part of our goal to increase farmer profitability, decrease input costs, and ensure greater sustainability.

Thank you for allowing us to submit this background information as you continue your work.

We appreciate your, and the committee's, transparency and openness to work with the agricultural industry. As you continue to discuss issues affecting Minnesota's agricultural producers, please continue to use Corteva as a resource. We will be happy to help answer any questions Senators have about the safety and efficacy of our products.

Sincerely,

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