

September 22, 2016

Dean Kathryn J. Boor  
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Ithaca, New York 14850

Trustees of Cornell University, Robert S. Harrison, Chair  
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Dear Dean Boor and Trustees of the University:

As New York State organic farmers, we object to the presence of the “Alliance for Science” on the Cornell campus (<http://allianceforscience.cornell.edu/>). This advocacy group for the highly controversial agricultural genetic engineering industry, funded almost entirely by the Gates Foundation, has no place at a Land Grant university.

Cornell's mission is to conduct objective research and education whereas the “Alliance for Science” has as its stated purpose to “help foster more constructive policies about biotechnology as a useful tool in the toolbox of food security and sustainability” and to spread it around the world.

This biased presence impedes objective discussion of biotechnology on campus.

Cornell is making valuable contributions to the long-term sustainability of agriculture. Please remove this unscientific impediment to such contributions.

Respectfully yours,

Elizabeth Henderson, Peacework Farm, Newark

Rafael Aponte, Rocky Acres Community Farm, Freeville

Kathie Arnold, Twin Oaks Dairy LLC, Truxton

Lisa Barker, Seedfolks Urban Farm, Rochester

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Amy Garbincus, Hemlock Grove Farm, West Danby  
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Michael Glos, Kingbird Farm, Berkshire  
Nancy Grove, Old Path Farm, Sauquoit  
Tom Hoag and Mary Boite, Hoag Farm, Richmond  
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Nancy Kasper, Earth Eden Organic Farm and Sanctuary, North Rose  
Karen Kerney, Pompey Gold Vineyards, Jamesville  
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