Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Edward D. Breen
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Andrew N. Liveris
President, Chairman & CEO, Dow Chemical Company
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Dear Mr. Breen and Mr. Liveris:

We want to express our deep interest in the proposed Dow-DuPont merger. Understanding that antitrust regulators still need to review the transaction, we are pleased that you are considering Iowa for the home of the agriculture company that may soon emerge from the Dow-DuPont merger. As you continue to discuss the future of your companies, we write to demonstrate the strong bipartisan support in Iowa's congressional delegation for continued agricultural innovation in the State of Iowa. Iowa's rich agricultural heritage combined with our state's dynamic leadership in agricultural and bioscience innovation would uniquely enhance your agriculture business.

Each October, hundreds of agriculture and political leaders from around the world converge on Des Moines, Iowa, to celebrate agriculture innovation as part of the World Food Prize celebration. Quite simply, Iowa is known globally as a leader in feeding and fueling a growing world population. We are proud that Iowa continues to be recognized nationally as a leader in STEM education, an important part of growing our state's talent pipeline. We have top-notch universities that collaborate on cutting-edge technologies in the agriculture and biotechnology fields. And, we are proud of our state's leadership in agricultural production – not only as the top biofuels producing state, but also as a world leader in corn and soybean output. For these reasons, and many others, Iowa would be a great home for your agriculture company.

We understand your agriculture company would become a leading production agriculture business with a comprehensive and diverse seed and crop protection portfolio and exceptional opportunity for growth. There is no doubt that Iowa would be a superior home base from which to grow your robust innovation pipeline of germplasm, biotech traits and crop protection technologies. Locating your agriculture business in Iowa would allow you to build on the significant capital and talent assets already in Iowa, including DuPont Pioneer's robust research and development, plant breeding, seed processing, and farmer network.

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Pioneer has been an iconic Iowa company for decades. We look forward to welcoming talented Dow-DuPont team members to the State of Iowa and supporting efforts to drive growth and innovation in the agriculture and bioscience economy.

Sincerely,

Chuck Grassley
U.S. Senator

Joni Ernst
U.S. Senator

Steve King
U.S. Congressman

Dave Loebsack
U.S. Congressman

Rod Blum
U.S. Congressman

David Young
U.S. Congressman