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Dear [REDACTED]

Our company, STEP is working with Trait providers to gather information from growers about Insect Resistance Management (IRM) practices as part of a mandated U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) annual IRM on-farm assessment program.

Trait providers are required to conduct IRM compliance assessments to determine if corn growers that plant insect-protected products are complying with Insect Resistance Management (IRM) requirements.

If you are selected for an IRM compliance assessment, a member of our staff will contact you to arrange a convenient time for an over-the-phone assessment. (Due to COVID-19 we are doing phone assessments versus in person visits.) As a reminder, your seed trait provider's Stewardship Agreement includes a requirement to cooperate and comply with IRM activities.

The on-farm assessment consists of questions related to your use of insect-protected seed and maintenance of an IRM refuge. It will not be necessary for our assessor to inspect any fields. It will be helpful for you to have your planting records (e.g., all seed invoices and/or field maps) or other information available during the call, simply so that we can accurately complete the IRM compliance assessment form. The interview should take on average 30 minutes.

I appreciate your cooperation with the IRM assessment process.

Sincerely,

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