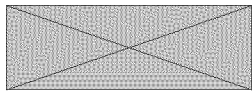


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Sydney,

Per your request, attached please find the completed meeting request form.

Please let me know if you should need anything further.



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Good morning Mr. Kingston,

Thank you for your email requesting a meeting between Administrator Pruitt and BIO. Would you please fill out the attached meeting form so that I may discuss with the scheduling team? This helps us streamline our process.

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

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# External Meeting Request Form for Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

*To request the Administrator to attend and/or speak at your event, please complete and submit the following form.*

**Today's Date:**

3/27/2017

**Meeting Date:**

4/4/2017

**Meeting Time:**

Flexible timing after 1:30 pm on Tuesday afternoon.

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):**

BIO would be happy to host at:  
1201 Maryland Ave, SW, Suite 900  
Washington DC, 20024

Alternatively, attendees could travel to meet at the Administrator at the EPA.

**Requestor:**

Biotechnology Innovation Organization

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

Members of BIO's governing board, representing a variety of companies producing agricultural biotechnology and industrial biotechnology products, wish to meet with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the impacts of EPA regulation on innovation and to identify opportunities for improvement. BIO urges EPA leadership to ensure that regulatory reviews are timely, predictable, and do not impose unnecessary regulatory burdens.

**Background on the Meeting:**

The EPA is responsible for assessing the safety of pesticidal substances, including Plant Incorporated Protectants (PIPs) that are produced by certain biotech crops. Biotechnology innovation in agriculture also includes an array of microbial products that range from those with pesticidal activity to those that simply promote soil health (biostimulants) and, therefore, improve plant productivity. The EPA also approves new uses of previously registered herbicides on biotech plants that are developed to resist those herbicides. BIO members are concerned that EPA's regulatory performance with respect to ag-biotech products has declined over the years, as regulatory requirements, costs, and review timelines have increased significantly. Further, the EPA has made several attempts in recent years to expand its

authority over biotech crops into areas overseen by USDA.

EPA's regulation of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) has a direct impact on BIO members developing new agricultural and low-carbon feedstocks, industrial enzymes, and biological catalysts for the conversion of biomass into advanced and cellulosic biofuels. The RFS has created economic opportunity and guided billions of dollars from around the world to the U.S. economy, stimulating investment in industry and creating high skilled jobs, often in rural communities. In the previous administration, EPA undertook a sharp and surprising departure from its prior approach to interpreting and implementing the statute. As a result, BIO member companies experienced multiple years of regulatory uncertainty causing a lost in investment and stalled growth. While the 2017 RFS Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) have put the program back on track, it is critical for renewable fuel producers, their customers, and investors, that EPA maintains the integrity of the RFS and implements it in a timely and predictable manner as Congress intended.

### **Role of the Administrator:**

The EPA Administrator oversees regulatory programs which impact products of biotechnology, including the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), and the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR).

### **Attendees:**

Eddie Sullivan – SAB Biotherapeutics

Brian Barker – Dow

Dan Meagher – Agrivida

Jerry Flint – DuPont Pioneer

John Swart – Exemplar Genetics

Paul Backman – Syngenta

Ron Stotish – AquaBounty Technologies

Adam Monroe- Novozymes

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