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HAWAII

A COMMUNITY MESSAGE FROM MONSANTO

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Lately, you may have seen or read a lot of things about Monsanto Hawaii, including some very outrageous and untruthful claims. We'd like to take a moment to speak up on behalf of our thousand employees and families.

First and foremost, we're farmers. Many of us grew up on farms, come from farming families, and have dedicated our careers to agriculture. We're also passionate about growing seed corn that is used to help farmers grow crops to feed the world.

We're very proud of our products and the benefits they bring to the millions of farmers who buy our seeds. Our work in Hawaii has enabled growers across the globe to produce more per acre, consume less fuel and adopt eco-friendly agricultural practices.

For years, our seeds have helped farmers protect their crops from insects and disease. Our newer innovations include corn plants better able to withstand drought, and soy beans richer in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. Our seed products have undergone years of careful study, and have an outstanding safety record.

Recently, there have been many wild accusations about us, with no basis in truth. Our fields have been threatened with destruction, we've been individually targeted and harassed, and our friends and neighbors attacked with hate language and racial slurs. This irresponsible and violent behavior generates needless fear and divides our community. It's not *pono*.

Many of us were born here, grew up here, went to school here, married here and are raising our families here. We care greatly about our homes, schools, neighborhoods and islands, and are supportive, charitable members of our community.

We're happy to meet and talk story with those who have a genuine interest in knowing more about who we are and what we do. We gladly offer presentations to interested groups. Please look for additional invitations to learn more about us. You may be surprised by what you discover.

Mahalo nui loa!

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