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The Honorable Robert Lighthizer
Ambassador
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer,

On behalf of the U.S. Canola Association (USCA), I write to request that any trade agreement between China and the United States include resolution of our longstanding concern with the lack of transparency and timeliness in China's approvals of agricultural biotechnology products. Together with restoring the China market for U.S. farm exports, correcting China's regulatory process would be highly effective in encouraging increased exports in the future.

It is also important that China complete approval of biotech trait applications that have languished for years within China's regulatory system. While China included two canola products among a number of traits approved in January, there is an additional canola product submitted for approval by Dupont, now Corteva, for which the application dates from 2012. Your assistance in addressing the need to complete review of this application as you complete negotiations on an initial agreement with China would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of U.S. farmers. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

Pat Murphy
President,
U.S. Canola Association

**CC: Chief Agriculture Negotiator Gregg Doud, United States Trade Representative
Under Secretary Ted McKinney, United States Department of Agriculture**