

Beginning on December 13, 2024, 211 Individuals sent this email letter of protest to Andy Newhouse at SUNY ESF

Dear Dr. Newhouse and Ms. Greenfield

I am writing to demand that SUNY-ESF withdraw its request for approval of the Darling 58 genetically engineered American chestnut.

I am deeply concerned about your proposal to release this genetically engineered tree into the wild for species “restoration”. Now that even The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) has disowned this GE tree, I am shocked that SUNY-ESF would continue to pursue regulatory approval.

After finding out that this GE tree has failed completely and is not blight-tolerant as promised, TACF stated that this GE tree should not be approved. Given these new developments and the risks posed by Darling 58, SUNY-ESF needs to withdraw its petition for deregulation.

The American chestnut is also legally protected as an endangered species in Canada. If this GE American chestnut moves across the border, it could threaten decades of restoration work led by dedicated conservationists in Canada.

Please do not put our forests at risk. You do not have the authority to make this decision on behalf of future generations across North America.

Thank you for taking this responsible action,

Find the letter here: <https://stopgetrees.org/stop-ge-trees/>