

Ask the White House to Honor their commitment to "Agri-Culture" and Stop the Revolving Door to "Agri-Business."

President Obama has nominated two chemical Agribusiness cronies for high level positions. Please help send the message: It's time to stop the revolving door between Agribusiness and DC!

Islam Siddiqui has been nominated as Chief Agriculture Negotiator for the U.S. Trade Representative's office. Siddiqui was a paid lobbyist for three years for Croplife America, which represents the chemical pesticide industry. Members include Monsanto, DuPont and Syngenta. Siddiqui's past service at the USDA included overseeing the initial development of national organic food standards that would have allowed GMOs and toxic sludge to be labeled "organic" - until over 230,000 consumers forced their revision.

Roger Beachy has been appointed as director of the new National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Beachy's previous career is running the Danforth Plant Science Center, a nonprofit closely linked to and funded by Monsanto. With this appointment, we can expect billions more of our tax dollars to be funneled into genetic engineering and chemical pesticide research.

These are two textbook cases of the "revolving door" between industry and the government agencies. Siddiqui and Beachy's industry ties demonstrate that both men are too beholden to corporate agriculture to serve the public interest.

TAKE ACTION

Tell President Obama to withdraw these revolving door nominations. Sign the petition posted on Food & Water Watch's website at:

http://action.foodandwaterwatch.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1693