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The Honorable Edward W. Brooke
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Brooke:

We understand that on September 13th Senators Dole and Bayh will introduce a bill which would establish a government-wide patent policy with respect to small businesses, non-profit organizations and Universities. As a non-profit institution which has had, since 1972, an institutional patent agreement with HEW but no other granting agency, we welcome this bill not only for the sake of uniformity in dealing with different government agencies but also because it would preserve a faster and more efficient transfer of research results from the bench to the consumer. Those arguing that all rights of research funded with tax payers money should reside in the government seem to be ignoring the fact that the government with its large, expensive and slow moving bureacracy is not an adequate vehicle for technology transfer. This becomes clear when one analyses transfer in the pre and post institutional patent agreement eras, when the rights were vested in the government and non-profit organizations respectively.

We hope that you will be able to support the Dole-Bayh bill.

Sincerely yours,

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Senator R. Dole