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The Honorable John C. Danforth
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Jack:

We have been advised that Senators Dole and Bayh plan to introduce a Bill to establish a uniform Federal Patent Policy. It is to be cited "Small Business and Nonprofit Organization Patent Policy of 1978."

I am writing to ask for your support of this legislation in the event it is introduced. It would recognize the first option to rights of universities to inventions developed by them in federally supported research, and eliminate the need to administer the patent policies of multiple agencies.

It is believed that this legislation would result in increased technology transfer and consequently increased economic growth. It is critical to the development of new devices and procedures in many areas, including health sciences.

Sincerely,

James C. Olson
President

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