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Honorable Henry Bellmon
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Dear Henry:

As a cosponsor of S. 414, the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act, you share our concerns that many good ideas and innovations that are being made under federally supported research and development programs are not being commercialized because of an inefficient government patent policy regarding ownership of these inventions.

During the recent Judiciary Committee hearings on the bill some excellent suggestions for improving this legislation were made. We plan to offer some of these suggestions as amendments to the bill when the Judiciary Committee has its mark-up of the bill, hopefully in the near future. We have attached a brief summary of the areas that these amendments will deal with. There will also be some technical amendments that we will offer which are not listed, but which we would be happy to discuss with you.

If you have any questions or comments on these proposals, please let us know, or you can call Joe Allen (X9263) or Brenda Leverson (X7563) of our staffs who will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Birch Bayh

Bob Dole

Enclosure