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The Honorable Patricia Harris
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Dear Pat:

As you know, I have been very interested in formulating a uniform patent policy for all of the Federal agencies regarding disposition of patent rights to inventions and processes that are made under government research and development work by private contractors. I have introduced the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act, S. 414, which sets up such a policy for small business and nonprofit organization contractors.

I expect S. 414 to be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee in the next few weeks and would like to request that Mr. Norman Latker, the HEW patent counsel, be allowed to advise me and my staff on certain technical aspects of this legislation. I believe that Mr. Latker has an invaluable expertise in this area and would like to make use of his knowledge during the consideration of my bill.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate