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The Honorable Robert Dole United States Senate New Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The Society of University Patent Administrators sent me a copy of your August 4, 1978 news release regarding Federal patent policies. It is heartening that you are addressing a problem that has been plaguing us for sometime. The lack of a unified Federal patent policy has acted to deter transfer of technology to the public. Implementation of meaningful collaborative projects with industry and the government have been extremely difficult because of differing Agency patent policies and procedures.

We are supportive of any efforts you make toward legislating a reasonable, cohesive Federal patent policy. The nation can no longer afford to ignore the importance of utilizing the benefits derived from basic research performed at colleges and universities.

Sincerely,

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