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The Honorable William J. Hughes
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PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Dear Congressman Hughes,

Now that the House Judiciary Committee has concluded its hearings on the University and Small Business Patent Procedure Act, I am writing to thank you for your continued support for the proposed legislation and to ask that you consider the provisions of S. 414, the Senate's companion bill.

Legislation to establish a uniform government-wide patent policy for universities, small business and non-profit organizations performing government supported research is important. There is considerable evidence that the scientific efforts of American universities are not being utilized because of conflicting and illogical government patent regulations. An overhaul of the Government's patent policy vis-a-vis the universities is needed in order to simplify and expedite the granting of patents on inventions resulting from federally funded research.

Although there appears to be a consensus in Congress that allowing universities, small business and non-profit organizations to retain ownership of inventions will clear away an administrative roadblock to innovation, several other issues concerning large business have arisen which could stall momentum for passage of this important legislation. I am appealing to you to debate these issues separately, and report a bill that will resolve many of the Agency patent problems universities and colleges face. The provisions of S. 414 provide an important first step; so Princeton University urges the Judiciary Committee to vote affirmatively on similar text so it may be forwarded for consideration by the full House.

Sincerely,

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