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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Mr. M. D. Woerpel
WARF
P.O. Box 2037
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

Dear Mr. Woerpel:

Last September, during the final weeks of the 95th Congress, I introduced a bill on patents, S. 3496, along with Senator Birch Bayh and several other colleagues.


This bill is aimed at facilitating the transfer of technology from the federally-funded innovation stage to the private sector. More specifically, it allowed universities, non-profit organizations and industry to obtain limited patent protection on discoveries they had made under government-supported research.

I should like to inform you that Senator Bayh and I are planning to reintroduce this legislation, with minor changes, during the first half of February. It is anticipated that this bill will be referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee of which Senator Bayh and I are members.

As you well know, patents are crucial in establishing working relationships between government-supported scientists and the private sector. Passage of the Dole-Bayh bill would be tantamount to seal a partnership between the government and the private sector, in the task of solving many of the problems confronting our society.

I solicit your continued support on this bill.

Sincerely yours,


BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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