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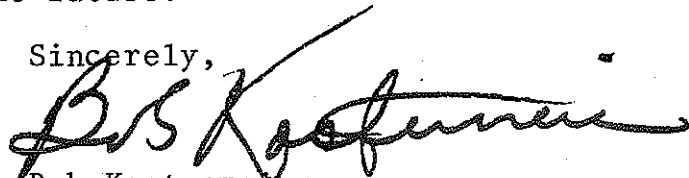
Dear Howard:

I am writing because I know of your interest in H.R. 2414, which establishes a uniform Federal patent procedure for small businesses and non-profit organizations.

I believe I share many of your concerns over the need for a more uniform government patent policy. Toward this end, I plan to have my subcommittee hold hearings on patent legislation in April. These hearings are currently scheduled for April 3, 15, 17, 22 and 24. Hopefully, these hearings will lead to prompt action by the Congress.

In the past, you have provided my subcommittee with valuable information on patent policy. I wanted to both let you know of our planned hearings and thank you for that help. I trust we will be able to continue to depend on your excellent advice and counsel in the future.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Subcommittee on Courts,
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