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Congressman Robert Kastenmeier
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Dear Congressman:

I want to thank you for your support for HR 1937, the Patent Termination Restoration Act of 1982. I urge you to make the provisions of this Act retroactive in order to enable owners of inventions covered by unexpired patents to recover research dollars which will provide the products of tomorrow. This Act recognizes that research leading to invention requires large amounts of money. When research grants from federal sources are down, as they are today, patent revenues which support other research become increasingly important. Because the University of Wisconsin is a leader in the pharmaceutical areas due to its pre-eminence in biochemistry and life sciences, this legislation is particularly important to us. The products of research in these areas benefit humanity by alleviating and curing human disease and suffering, in addition to bringing needed revenue to this campus.

The dollars which flow from patents are important for other reasons. They are discretionary and not encumbered by strings of any funding agency. They can be used to balance the University's research efforts by acting as support for new projects until alternative funding can be located.

I feel that passage of this Act is helpful, not only to the University of Wisconsin and other research universities, but to all the people, and I applaud your support.

Sincerely,

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