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Dear Mr. Snyder:

Thank you for your letter requesting to testify on behalf of the University of Missouri when the Monopoly Subcommittee of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business resumes hearings on Government patent policy.

At present it appears likely that the Association of American Universities will be invited to testify on behalf of its 48 member institutions, including the University of Missouri, when hearings resume.

As you may know, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy in the Office of Management and Budget has granted Chairman Nelson's request for a stay in the effective date of a procurement regulation which would permit Government-wide use of an Institutional Patent Agreement.

The stay of 120 days will allow the subcommittee to hold hearings on the history, legal basis and implications of the Institutional Patent Agreement as an implement of Government patent policy.

When hearing dates have been set, your request will be given full consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sandra F. Moody

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