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The Honorable Robert W. Kastenmeier  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bob:

I wanted to write and reiterate my support for the Patent Term Restoration Act of 1981 (H. R. 1937).

I note from the local newspapers that certain organizations holding themselves out to represent consumer interests have been critical of you for sponsoring the bill. I feel strongly that they have taken an unsound position. The consumers' interest is in having innovation continue and increase. Without it, many of man's cruelest afflictions may never be remedied. Public funding for research and invention is declining. Revenues received from patent royalties can help in a small way to redress this problem. This is important to the University and to the consumer.

I want to thank you for introducing this very useful piece of legislation and hope that it will be acted upon favorably in the near future. I have taken the liberty of attaching a copy of a letter to the editor of the Wisconsin State Journal which expressed my views more fully.

Sincerely,

Hector F. DeLuca