The Honorable Birch Bayh United States Senate New Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

Our Society and its individual members are highly cognizant of Senator Dole's news release of August 4, 1978 and in particular of the announcement that you and Senator Dole intend to introduce legislation which will establish a Federal patent policy allowing universities to retain title and commercial licensing rights to inventions made in the course of federally sponsored research.

We strongly endorse and support the introduction of such legislation as a significant step in promoting the transfer of the results of university research for the benefit of the public and in aiding our country to re-establish itself as the world leader in technological innovation.

Very truly yours,

Howard W. Bremer President

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