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Senator William Proxmire
5241 DSOB
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

This letter is written to encourage you to support Senator Birch Bayh's patent reform bill S414.

The positive impact it will have upon the University of Wisconsin-Madison is obvious. We are fortunate to have the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) as the University's patent-management agent and thus be able to take advantage of this legislation. Of equal importance is the potential benefit this legislation will have to small innovative companies in the Madison area.

This bill is a first step toward encouraging more research and development activities on the part of small businesses, a step helping to make the marketplace more competitive. The bill also provides for an equitable and uniform federal patent policy.

In addition we hope you will support an amendment to this bill protecting the background rights of small businesses involved in federally supported research and development work.

Please keep us posted on the status of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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