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Dear Howie:

As I'm sure you know, Senator Mathias recently introduced proposed legislation entitled "Process Patent Amendment of 1985", S. 1543. My Company and I personally, both favor this legislation. It will help investment in American industry, prevent free-riders on American technology, facilitate development of American inventions, strengthen our patent system and place the United States in a better position to negotiate for strong patent systems world-wide.

Hopefully, you will agree about the importance of this legislation and support it. Enclosed as background are copies of the bill (S. 1543), a document dated May 7, 1985 setting forth reasons why the legislation is needed and a document dated May 8, 1985, replying to arguments against the legislation raised by the generic drug industry. Also enclosed is a newspaper article dated September 11, 1985.

The bill was introduced by its primary sponsors, Senator Mathias and Senator Lantenberg, and co-sponsored by Senators Laxalt, De Concini, Specter, Denton and Dixon. It is thought that other Senators will join as co-sponsors. I would encourage you to communicate to the primary sponsors and your own Senators your support for this important legislation.

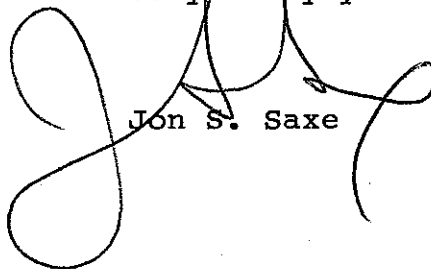
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If you would like to discuss this proposed legislation please give me a phone call.

Best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon S. Saxe', written over the typed name.

Jon S. Saxe

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Enclosures