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September 27, 1978

Mr. Howard W. Bremer, President
Society of University Patent Administrators
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614 N. Walnut Street
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Dear Mr. Bremer:

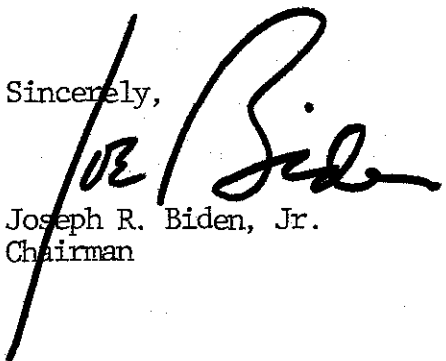
This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of September 8, 1978, requesting me to cosponsor S. 3496, The Small Business and Nonprofit Organization Patent Procedure Act, introduced on September 13, 1978.

The measure, which would establish a uniform government patent policy regarding the disposition of property rights in inventions made under federally funded research and development contracts, is currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Since Congress is scheduled to adjourn October 14, it is unlikely that the Committee will have sufficient time to consider the bill this year.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Therefore, if legislation identical to S. 3496 is reintroduced in the Ninety-Sixth Congress, please be assured that I shall carefully consider your request at that time.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Chairman