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Dear Mr. Sinisgalli:

This is in response to your letter of January 18, in which you ask for a change in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's (HEW) policy of including in its Institutional Patent Agreements a limitation on the share of royalties an institution can pay an inventor at that institution.

A number of recent events, including the Administration's plan for technological innovation and efforts toward a uniform Government patent policy, have led us to an examination of our current patent policies and practices to determine how they help or hinder the innovation process and the utilization of inventions made under HEW grants and contracts. One of the items specifically under review is the one covered in your letter. I appreciate your interest and views on this feature and find them useful in our review. I will keep you informed of developments in this area.

Sincerely yours,

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