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The Honorable Robert W. Kastenmeier
Chairman Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kastenmeier:

You and your Committee were gracious and gave me audience on October 7 to present my and the views of my employer, the Wisconsin Alumni Foundation in support of HR 1937. Please permit me this second opportunity to reinforce my points.

Human enterprise is energized by self interest. Opportunity without personal (or corporate) advantage will not be seized upon. Which of us volunteers to rake the city park?

Congress passed a reduction in the capital gains tax and venture capital has flowed into new companies and research ideas that will be the source of jobs and taxes a decade from now. So, too, can Congress motivate the flow of capital into research in drugs and materials now subject to Federal regulatory delay, by extending the patent protection for a period commensurate with the delay.

As testified, I sincerely believe in the principle of HR1937 and wish that it had been acted upon sooner. You have in your power the means to accomplish that. Make the bill retroactive to cover those inventions covered by unexpired U. S. patents. This will enable owners of such products to recover the research dollars that will produce the products of tomorrow.

It is an idea whose time has come.

Respectfully,

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