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TO: Board of Management

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SUBJECT: Testimony on H.R. 5003 - A Bill to Extend to All Businesses  
the Benefits of the University/Small Business Patent Law

H.R. 5003 is a bill that extends to all businesses the benefits of the university/small business patent law. However, a number of the provisions of the bill relate directly to universities and improve on P.L. 96-517. For example, it adds sexually propagated plants to the definition of the term "invention;" permits universities to take title to patents at university administered GOCOs; permits federal agencies to waive their rights in employee inventions; and eliminates the limitations of granting exclusive licenses to large companies.

The bill is the House counterpart of S. 2171. The COGR testimony on H.R. 5003 is consistent with COGR testimony on S. 2171.

Enclosure

cc: Patents, Copyrights, and Rights in Data Committee  
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