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The Honorable Mike McCormack
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The House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Mr. McCormack:

I wish to commend your stand regarding the subject of Patent Policy Versus Innovation that appeared in the Congressional Record on Friday, July 21, 1978. Mr. William Carey's editorial hit the nail on the head and it is fortunate that people like yourself have given it some recognition. Both Presidents Kennedy and Nixon recognized that the government's policy with regard to the handling of patents was counter-productive and they made policy statements trying to correct the situation. These pronouncements have been largely if not totally ignored.

At the risk of encroaching in your time, I should like to enclose a copy of a letter I wrote Mr. Robert Bartley of The Wall Street Journal back in 1974. I wrote in regard to an article by Edward E. David entitled "Moon Technology-- Five Years Later". My response to this article was directly in point with Mr. Carey's observation.

At the risk of further belaboring the subject, I should like to include a copy of a letter I wrote to the Honorable Gaylord Nelson in December of last year. He seems to be one of the strongest proponents of the "government take all" school, and I have tried to outline some of the consequences of the government's policy. It is easy to speak in bombastic terms of "government giveaways" of patent rights and the "Santa Claus" role of the federal government without being belabored by the facts.

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I repeat my commendation for the stand you have taken.
If I may be of assistance to you, please let me know; I am
at your service.

Very truly yours,

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