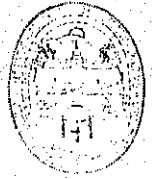


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November 9, 1983

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Russell Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I am writing as a follow-up to my telephone conversations with John Podesta regarding pending legislation to extend the Bayh-Dole bill that led to P.L. 96-517. We at the University of Vermont support the proposed extensions including extension of patent rights to large business concerns, eliminating the limitation on exclusive licensing, and having the Department of Commerce responsible for regulations governing patents rather than the Office of Management and Budget. My colleague, Mr. Roger Ditzel (Chairman of the Patents, Copyrights, and Rights in Data Committee of Council on Governmental Relations) informed me that his Committee supports the above developments as well. Accordingly, I ask you to consider supporting the preparation of new legislation in regard to the above as well as serving as a co-sponsor of a bill introduced to the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in the above matters.

I look forward to seeing you in your office on November 15, 1983.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RBL", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert B. Lawson
Associate Vice President for Research
and Dean of the Graduate College

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cc: Mr. Roger Ditzel
Mr. John Podesta