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February 26, 1980

The Honorable Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Nelson:

The typographical omission of one line from my letter to you of yesterday causes an unfortunate misstatement to be made in the final paragraph. As the paragraph should have read, it is our feeling that any amendments which tend to weaken support for S.414 should be opposed. We feel that the provisions of S.414 which make title to the technology available to the University place the University in a position in which it can offer the necessary incentives for the research and development to both small business, and where necessary for effective development, large business.

I have enclosed the corrected letter and hope this clears up any possible misunderstanding of the Chamber's position with regard to S.414.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Brennan
President

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Enclosure

bcc: Mr. Marv Woerpel

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More specifically, we believe that bill is critical to the development of the Madison area, and more broadly South Central Wisconsin, as a research center utilizing as its chief resources the research and personnel of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce has given number one priority to the development and selling of the greater Madison area as a research center. Both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the City of Madison have indicated their enthusiastic support for this goal. We believe that S.414 can be an important catalyst for the realization of this goal. Without S.414, the research products and potential of the University are of little commercial value to small business, which cannot afford to undertake the costs of developing and commercializing such technology without the incentive of possible patent protection.

We are concerned that recent criticism of S.414 by Senator Long and others may delay or jeopardize its passage. We believe the policies of Senator Long, while well intended, have in the past constituted a substantial disincentive for making the results of federally funded research available to the general public in the commercial market.

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