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Dear Messrs Pike and Bremer:

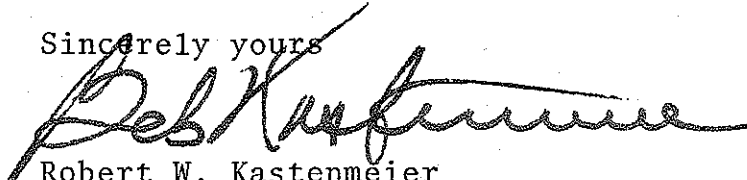
Thank you for your letter of March 13, 1979 regarding H.R. 2414, the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act. Please accept my apology for not responding sooner. However, I wished to have an opportunity to study the legislation and consult with counsel before replying.

I have not yet developed a final position on H.R. 2414. As you undoubtedly know the Department of Commerce Committee on Industrial Innovation and its task force on patent policy has submitted to the President a report containing recommendations on changes in government patent policy. I look forward to reviewing the Presidential recommendations which arise out of this task force's work as well as further information which may be presented to the subcommittee before developing a final position.

Although I have not yet scheduled hearings on the bill, I intend to do so sometime in late May or early June.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the subcommittee.

Sincerely yours



Robert W. Kastenmeier
 Chairman, Subcommittee on Courts,
 Civil Liberties and the
 Administration of Justice

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