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Dear Dr. Pike:

Thank you for your recent letter on the Patent Term Restoration Act. I appreciate knowing of your continued support for this important legislation.

I am pleased to report that the subcommittee which I chair has recently approved H.R. 1937 with amendments, and I will soon be bringing it to the full Judiciary Committee for a vote. I am hopeful that this year Congress will be able to send to the President a fair bill which will provide a fuller patent life and greater incentives for investment. The public is best served by a patent system that both encourages innovation and provides a reasonable patent life.

I am pleased that the subcommittee has been able to approve a compromise bill which addresses several of the criticisms of the generic drug industry and various consumer advocates. A new bill which includes the subcommittee amendments will soon be introduced, and my staff will forward a copy to you as soon as it is printed.

I appreciate the assistance of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

*Robert W. Kastenmeier*

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