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Mr. Reuben Lorenz 1752 Van Hise Building University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Dear Mr. Lorenz:

Otto Festge has told me of your August 2 telephone call regarding H.R. 2414, the University Small-Business Patent Policy Act.

I had planned to schedule hearings earlier this year on H.R. 2414; however, when I was informed that the Administration refused to testify before the Senate Criminal Justice Subcommittee when requested to do so by Senator Bayh, I decided to delay a scheduling decision for my own subcommittee. As you may know the President presently has before him a number of patent policy options recommended by the task force on industrial innovation. Since the President's decision may seriously effect H.R. 2414, I have delayed a decision on processing the legislation until we have heard from the Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Kastenmeier Chairman, Subcommittee on Courts,

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