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Dear Mr. Snyder:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your support for the "University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act" to be reintroduced by Senators Bayh and Dole.

I appreciate your concern in this matter and can understand your feeling that the American public is not receiving the full benefit of scientific research being conducted under the auspices of federal government agencies.

The Subcommittee on which I am ranking has jurisdiction over courts, copyright and patents, among other areas. This past December while in Munich, Germany with my Subcommittee, we met with the head of the German Patent Office, Mr. Ulrich C. Hallmann. In particular he addressed the German system of employee inventor rights. We had pending before our Subcommittee a bill introduced by Congressman Moss, H.R. 2101, which is modeled after the German system which would address the problem you raised in your letter concerning government patent policy, and also provide some balance between employee and employer relative to inventions in the private sector. Enclosed please find a copy of that bill which has not yet been reintroduced since Congressman Moss retired last Congress.

Ray E. Snyder, Esq.


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I am encouraging my Subcommittee to begin hearings on this issue and would very much appreciate any thoughts or comments you may wish to make on the enclosed bill. I have also requested a copy of the legislation you mentioned in your letter from Senator Dole.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
TOM RAILSBACK  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure