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AS A NOT-FOR PROFIT CONTRACT RESEARCH INSTITUTION WITH A PATENT LICENSING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM, SRI INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY AND SMALL BUSINESS PATENT UTILIZATION BILL AS IT APPLIES TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS. SUCH A MEASURE WILL HELP REVERSE THE PRESENT LAMENTABLE TREND IN THIS COUNTRY TOWARD DIMINISHING INNOVATION, CONSEQUENT REDUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION AND LOSS OF UNITED STATES PREEMINENCE IN TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS. AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES FACES MORE AND MORE COMPETITION FROM OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT CONGRESS PASS LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND THUS HELP THIS COUNTRY MAINTAIN ITS WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP.

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