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The Honorable Charles H. Percy Office 4321 New Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Percy:

Senators Robert Dole and Birch Bayh have provided us a copy of a Senate Bill entitled the "Small Business Nonprofit Organization Patent Procedures Act" which they intend to introduce this week. This bill, we believe, will eliminate many of the regulatory barriers which impede or prevent the commercialization of patentable inventions arising out of Federally-sponsored research at colleges and universities. The bill includes adequate safeguards to protect the public interest and at the same time encourages and rewards initiatives which promote the development of patented inventions.

I hope you will be able to support this bill.

Yours very truly,

Warren W. Brandt

President

bcc: Congressman Paul Simon