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Dear Dr. Gundy:

The University and Small Business Patent Procedures Bill was reintroduced on February 9 by Senators Bayh and Dole. It has been designated S.414. I have asked that a copy of it be mailed to you and you should receive it in the next few days. You may note that there are slight differences in comparison with the bill introduced last year. The modifications were made with the support of the university community.

SUPA is making every effort to push S.414 and I understand COGR is supporting it also. We feel that this is our best opportunity to resolve the Federal Patent Policy question and that we should go all out to get it passed this year.

As of last Tuesday S.414 had 12 cosponsors consisting of most of the members of the Judiciary Committee. Neither Senator Heflin nor Senator Stewart was listed as a cosponsor. It will be extremely helpful to have their support of this Bill, especially since Senator Heflin is a member of the Judiciary Committee and Senator Stewart is on the Select Committee on Small Business.

A companion bill will be introduced in the House by Congressman Rodino in the very near future. We plan to keep you posted so that you can follow up with the members of your House delegation as soon as it has been introduced.

We urge you to contact both Alabama senators as quickly as possible to gain their cosponsorship and support of S.414.

Please contact me at (404) 542-3360 if I can assist with information or help in any other way.

Sincerely,

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