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Dear Bob:

We are making great progress on the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Bill, with at least 20 senators now joined in cosponsorship and a commitment from Senator Long not to raise any opposition.

However, as of yesterday Senator Heflin has not made any commitment. Since he is on the Judiciary Committee it is most important that he cosponsor, if you can possibly get him to do so. I understand the staff member in his office assigned to the bill is Mr. Mike House; his phone number is (202) 224-4124.

Hearings are scheduled in the Senate Judiciary Committee for April 11, so if you can help get Senator Heflin committed before then, please do.


Congressman Rodino introduced a companion bill in the House during the last week of February and it has been designated H. R. 2414. We are now making every effort to persuade members of the House Judiciary to join in cosponsoring this resolution.

Congressman Richard C. Shelby of your 7th District is on the House Judiciary Committee and we need your help with him in particular at this time.

I would appreciate any encouraging news you may get from either Senator Heflin or Congressman Shelby.

Best regards.

Sincerely,


William O. Burke

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