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The Honorable Dennis DeConcini  
United States Senate  
Room 4104  
Dirksen Office Building  
First Street and Constitution Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Dennis:

Thanks very much for your letter of May 31. I had meanwhile received the May 30 letter from George Stadler of University Patents, Inc., our patent management organization. As you can see by his letter, considerable activity has been initiated on a bill to assist universities and small businesses in the patent area. This would seem to make sense as a means for the government to be able to reduce subsidies to universities and small businesses which are able to use government funds to produce a marketable invention. It especially makes sense since the government otherwise has not exploited its patents.

I understand this bill and other materials have been given to your staff. Please do note the key role that has been perceived for you. We hope that you will see real merit in this and encourage your staff to give the matter special attention.

Sincerely,

A. Richard Kassander, Jr.  
Vice President for Research

Enclosure

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