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Representative Morris K. Udall
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 6249

Dear Mr.:

The University of Arizona has been involved in a number of opportunities to commercialize patentable discoveries that have been produced as a result of our substantial federally supported research and development activities. In many cases the incentives to commercialization have been too little to encourage such technology to be developed for the public benefit because of the federal government's patent policy.

We are delighted to see reports of HR 6249 introduced by Representative Ray Thornton, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Science, Research, & Technology. The intention of the Bill to establish a uniform patent policy for inventions resulting from federally funded research and development is very welcome to us and the incentives offered under the new Bill would appear to be in the best interests of getting federally developed technology into the private sector. We hope that you will find it possible to support this Bill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick".

A. Richard Kassander, Jr.

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