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Committee on Science and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Ms. Bracken:

Congressman Thornton's letter of July 25, 1977, regarding H.R. 6249, noted that you would be the appropriate individual to contact with regard to the bill. I am very much in favor of the bill but do recommend certain changes to be made. Attached is a copy of my letter of July 18, 1977 to Dr. Jordan Baruch, urging his support of the bill and suggesting certain changes.

With regard to the licensing of federally-owned inventions, which now number on the order of 28,000 and increase daily, I am concerned that present procedures inhibit the utilization of the technology represented by those 28,000+ patents. H.R. 6249 does not now deal with this problem. There are a number of alternatives which might work. One is to consider the licensing of federally-owned inventions by Research Corporation, at no cost to the government. Non-profit Research Corporation (assuming that their income would be greater than their expenses) would use any net income for its research grant program, which program has potential for producing further useful inventions for public use and benefit in a self-regenerative process.

Representative Thornton's letter was addressed to me as President-Elect of the Licensing Executives Society (LES). The LES is planning to submit comments with regard to the bill soon. This letter is not an LES response, nor am I officially speaking for Stanford University.

If there is any way I can help to secure passage of the bill, please let me know. My telephone number is 415/497-3567.

Very truly yours,

Niels J. Reimers  
Manager, Technology Licensing

cc: Phil Sperber w/enc.

Enclosure

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