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The Honorable Birch Bayh United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Birch:

Thank you for your letter which requested that Mr. Norman Latker, Office of the General Counsel, be available to provide technical assistance to the Senate Judiciary Committee during its consideration of S. 414, the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act.

Since Mr. Latker no longer has any responsibility for patent activities within the Office of the General Counsel, I do not believe it would be appropriate for him to serve in this resource capacity as a representative of the Department. Mr. Latker is currently assigned to other projects in the Division of Business and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel.

If you would like to have an individual from the Department's General Counsel available to answer technical questions on this legislation, we would be happy to assist you. I have asked Martin Gleason, Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, to arrange for such assistance at your request. Mr. Gleason can be reached at 245-7627.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Roberts Harris