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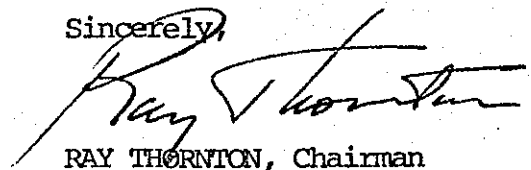
Dear Mr. Reimer:

On April 6 of this year I introduced the "Uniform Federal Research and Development Utilization Act of 1977" (H.R. 6249) with Chairman Olin E. Teague joining me as a co-sponsor. This bill was referred jointly to the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on the Judiciary.

It is a serious concern to me that the Congress has not acted to establish a uniform policy in this important area. Such a policy would eliminate the confusion and administrative burden faced by many Federal R&D agencies trying to operate under the myriad of legislative mandates specific to their agencies in addition to regulations resulting from orders promulgated by the Executive branch. Drafting of this bill was greatly aided by the fine work done over a period of several years by several groups including the Committee on Government Patent Policy. My Subcommittee has received much help but more is needed.

Requests for written review of this legislation by government agencies and other public and private organizations are being made in the belief that responses will provide a tremendous service to the further consideration of this subject. I look forward to working with your organization in the coming months to further develop needed legislation relating to this very timely topic. Ms. Darcia Bracken (225-8128) of the Science and Technology Committee Staff is the person most familiar with this bill.

Sincerely,



RAY THORNTON, Chairman  
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Enclosure: H.R. 6249