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The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

As the President of a tax-free foundation which for more than 65 years has been concerned with the transfer of new inventions and technology from the university laboratory into broad public use, I want to commend you upon your statement of August 4, 1978. The refusal of any Government agency which has provided grant support for scientific research in our colleges and universities to relinquish patent rights to the universities so that new inventions can be patented, licensed and brought into public use, has been harmful primarily to the public, but also to the universities which have invested many funds of their own, and to the individuals who have invested time and talent, in the development of new concepts which could be publicly beneficial.

I enclose copies of letters and statements which I and other officers of Research Corporation have written in recent months, primarily in response to the hearings on this subject held by Senator Gaylord Nelson. I also enclose a brief outline of the programs of Research Corporation in the support of research in the basic sciences and in the development of inventions in our nonprofit colleges, universities and other research institutes.

Please let me know if there are other ways in which we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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