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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the [Bayh-Dole Coalition](#), I write to express our strong support for the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (PERA) as the Senate Judiciary Committee prepares to examine this important legislation. We appreciate the Committee's continued leadership in strengthening our nation's intellectual property system and respectfully encourage your support for reforms that provide greater certainty for American inventors, research institutions, and technology developers.

The Bayh-Dole Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals dedicated to protecting the Bayh-Dole Act and the innovation ecosystem it made possible. By allowing recipients of federal research funding to patent and license their discoveries, the Act created a pathway for promising ideas to become products that improve lives. Over a 25-year period, academic licensing has helped transform publicly funded research into new medicines, technologies, and businesses, supporting approximately [6.5 million](#) jobs and contributing [nearly \\$2 trillion](#) to the U.S. economy. That remarkable success depends on a patent system that gives private investors the confidence to commit the time and capital required to bring early-stage discoveries to market.

Today, that confidence has been undermined by [judicial decisions](#) interpreting [Section 101](#) of the Patent Act. The resulting uncertainty surrounding patent eligibility has made it

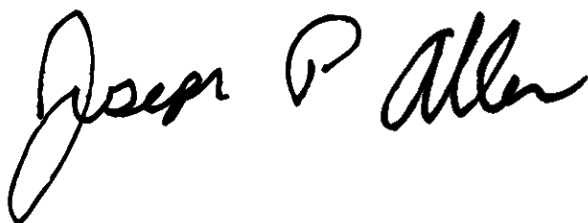
increasingly difficult to determine whether important inventions qualify for patent protection, [discouraging investment](#) in many of the very technologies that Bayh-Dole was designed to help commercialize. For universities and research institutions, that uncertainty makes it more difficult to secure the private-sector partnerships needed to transform federally funded discoveries into products that benefit the public.

PERA would restore a clear statutory framework for patent eligibility while preserving every other requirement for patentability. Greater legal certainty would encourage investment in emerging fields such as biotechnology, medical diagnostics, and artificial intelligence, where commercialization often requires years of collaboration and substantial private capital.

This legislation is also essential to ensuring that the United States remains one of the world's [leading innovation economies](#). Without confidence that important inventions can be protected, fewer federally funded discoveries will attract the investment needed to become new products, therapies, and technologies. At a time of intensifying [global competition](#), continued uncertainty risks driving research, investment, and commercialization to countries that provide innovators with greater confidence in their patent systems.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act. Restoring clarity to Section 101 will strengthen the Bayh-Dole ecosystem, encourage investment in American innovation, and help ensure that federally funded research continues to deliver life-changing technologies for decades to come.

Sincerely,



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