



July 11, 2012

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee
B351 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Conyers:

On behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), I am writing to express our support for the Intellectual Property Attaché Act, which you introduced along with Representatives Goodlatte, Watt, Issa, Berman, Coble, Chabot, Chaffetz and Schiff. We support your desire to improve the intellectual property attaché program and we look forward to working with you on this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

This legislation will promote a level playing field for American innovators in foreign countries by improving the intellectual property attaché program. We believe that this bipartisan bill will assist BIO member companies in their efforts to assert and protect their patents and other intellectual property rights overseas.

We thank you for all of your hard work to ensure strong intellectual property protections in both the United States and abroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Greenwood'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James C. Greenwood
President and CEO
Biotechnology Industry Organization