May 7, 2015

The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn,

As the chancellors of three Texas systems of higher education which educate more than 390,000 future leaders of our state and nation, conduct more than $3.6 billion in annual research, and employ more than 126,000 faculty, staff, and innovators who contribute to the vibrant economy of Texas, we applaud you and your colleagues on your efforts related to the drafting of the PATENT Act of 2015 (S. 1137).

We recognize that much work remains to curb abusive patent litigation. However, we believe that the steps you have taken in the PATENT Act go a long way towards addressing the legitimate concerns of patent holders seeking to enforce their intellectual property. It is also clear that you and your colleagues recognize the vital role that research universities play in our innovation society.

Your proposal is a vast improvement over the direction taken by other legislation currently under consideration by Congress. We look forward to working with you and your Judiciary Committee colleagues as this legislation progresses.

Thank you for your leadership, and for all you do for our great state of Texas.

Sincerely,

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