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Dear Members of Congress:

We are writing to communicate our strong support for H.R. 1832, the Innovation Protection Act, which would appropriately permit the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to retain and use all of its fee revenues, in support of its critical mission.

Universities, their medical centers, and affiliated nonprofit research foundations require a robust patent system to ensure that the research ideas developed in our labs can be transferred to the marketplace for development into socially beneficial products and processes. The USPTO's ability to meet the demands of our nation's innovators is critical to the overall health of the patent system and the economic growth of our country. We applaud the bipartisan sponsors for taking the important step of introducing legislation to prevent any future diversion of the USPTO's fees and support advancing this necessary fix.

Sincerely,

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