

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator
FROM: Joe *file*
DATE: November 26, 1979
RE: Reaction to your Chicago Patent Speech
cc: Kevin, Mary, Linda, Tom, Eve, Press, David B., Bob, Ann M., Leg(2), Ind. Dc]

We have received many favorable letters from people who attended your Chicago patent speech which you gave on November 7. I thought that you would want to see this one which is being answered.

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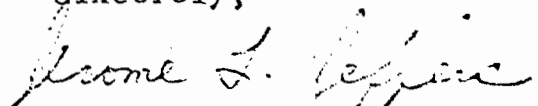
Hon. Birch Bayh
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

This letter is to thank you for taking the time to speak at the Patent Law Association of Chicago's Annual Judges Day Dinner on November 7th. More importantly, I would like to acknowledge the very important work you are doing in the attempt to strengthen the United States Patent Statutes. The Patent Bar has been on the defensive in trying to defeat poor legislation such as S. 2504, and it is gratifying to see a Congressional leader spearhead the offense.

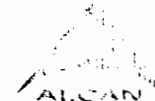
It does not seem appropriate at this time to go into specifics on the Bills which you have introduced, lest it dilute the sole purpose of this letter which is to express appreciation. I would like to conclude by saying that listening to your talk, while sitting among a group of Chicago patent lawyers, made me proud to be a Hoosier. Thanks again.

Sincerely,


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Senator Birch Bayh
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Dear Senator Bayh:

I read with great interest the press release of your speech given to the Patent Law Association in Chicago on Wednesday evening. I applaud wholeheartedly any moves to make the Patent and Trademark Office an independent agency free from the offices of the Commerce Department.

As I indicated previously, if I can be of any help to you or your colleagues in any endeavor regarding the preservation and/or upgrading of our patent system, please do not hesitate to contact me. We in the patent profession appreciate your efforts and concern.

With Best Regards,

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The Honorable Birch Bayh
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Dear Senator Bayh:

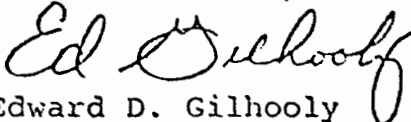
Your remarks at the Chicago Patent Law Association dinner the other evening demonstrated a keen awareness of the critical nature of the problems deterring the advancement of technology and innovation in our country. Your articulate observations were well received by the many members of our association with whom I have spoken. As a fellow Democrat, I am pleased to note that you and other members of the party in the Senate are in the forefront in attempting to generate an atmosphere conducive to innovation in the United States supported by strong patent incentives.

For too long the problems of the Patent Office and the patent system itself have been political non-issues and have been virtually ignored by members of the Congress and other government leaders. Unfortunately, some judges in the federal judiciary have assumed, for whatever reasons, an apparent negative stance against the enforcement of patents, even here in our Seventh Circuit which historically had been a strong proponent of such proprietary rights.

Innovation can only be encouraged through a healthy patent system. To this end, I respectfully suggest that it would be highly beneficial to elevate attorneys to the federal bench who recognize the importance of the contribution of patents to the well being of our national economy.

I enjoyed having the opportunity of briefly meeting you and hope that you continue the good work in Washington.

Sincerely yours,


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