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Mr. William C. Norris
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your kind letter about the joint R&D bill. Your hard work and enthusiastic advocacy of this legislation, and the impressive example set by MCC, did an enormous amount to make enactment of this bill possible.

The final bill fully satisfies the goal that we discussed long ago: providing clarity to businesses considering going into research joint ventures. Despite the compromises that are an inevitable part of the political process, I believe that the final product is a very good one. For example, the "rule of reason" section has been slightly trimmed to accommodate the concerns of the House sponsors, but the agreed-upon provision still provides the clarity that is so badly needed. Similarly, the notification provision represents a fair middle point between the Senate and House bills. Finally, the attorney's fee provision agreed to in conference, which was endorsed by both Senator Thurmond and Senator Metzenbaum, represented a fair compromise that ensured that the bill would have smooth sailing once it was sent back to the House and Senate for approval.

I appreciate your kindness in writing, and I look forward to discussing the hostile takeover issue with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
United States Senator

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