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The Honorable Chris Coons
The Honorable Thom Tillis
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC. 20510

Dear Senators Coons and Tillis:

AUTM – an association that represents 3,000 professionals involved in commercializing academic research – wishes to thank you for introducing the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act.

Uncertainty about what is, and what is not, “patent eligible,” remains an ongoing problem thanks to unhelpful court decisions. American innovation depends on a strong patent system that is clear and direct to provide the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the tools it needs to move important discoveries from the lab to the marketplace.

Too many diagnostics, which ought to be patentable, have not gone forward. Your legislation is an important step in the right direction, leading the way for more potentially viable discoveries, while forbidding the patenting of genes and naturally occurring substances.

We look forward to working with you and the rest of the Committee in moving this legislation forward. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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