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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney  
President of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a draft bill entitled the "Hague Agreement Implementation Act," together with a Statement of Purpose and Need and sectional analysis.

The bill implements the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs done at Geneva, Switzerland on July 2, 1999. It amends federal patent law to add a new part that specifies administrative procedures to be followed by design patent applicants applying for international protection of designs. With the primary exception of extending the patent term from 14 to 15 years from grant and two other less significant changes that are discussed in the enclosed summary, the bill does not make any substantive change in United States design patent law. The bill also provides that the Act will not become effective until the date of entry into force of the treaty with respect to the United States.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the transmittal of this legislative proposal to the Congress and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Nat Wienecke, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Sullivan".

John J. Sullivan

Enclosures

Identical Letters to be Sent to:

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Arlen Specter  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer  
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The Honorable John A. Boehner  
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