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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Durbin and Tillis,

The Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is pleased to support your legislation, the *Interagency Patent Coordination and Improvement Act of 2023* (S. 79).

ASCO is a national organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With nearly 45,000 members, our core mission is to ensure that cancer patients have meaningful access to high quality, equitable cancer care.

The *Interagency Patent Coordination and Improvement Act* would establish a task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration to improve communication and coordination of each agency's activities related to patents. ASCO supports the goals of increased transparency and exchange of information between agencies.

ASCO offers itself as a resource to you. If you have any questions related to cancer care, please contact [Kristine.Rufener@asco.org](mailto:Kristine.Rufener@asco.org).

Sincerely,



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