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Dear Representative Jeffries:

I write to express the strong support of the Association of American Universities for your bill establishing the Law School Clinic Certification Program within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This legislation will allow students enrolled in participating law school clinics to gain valuable experience practicing intellectual property law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office by drafting and filing patent and trademark applications on a pro-bono basis for clients that qualify for assistance from the law school’s clinic. The program enacted by this legislation will thereby benefit law students, law school clinic clients, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

We commend you for your introduction of this valuable legislation.

Sincerely,

John C. Vaughn