

Dear Senators,

I fully support the amendment to the *Patents Act 1990* to prevent the patenting of human genes and biological materials. Any information relating to genes is, as Senator Heffernan has rightly stated, based upon discovery and not invention. This is the central issue: no private medical organisation or company should have a copyright on such information, which they have not invented, for economic interest. In light of technological developments that have occurred over the past two decades, the common interest of all Australians demands that this important amendment is now made to the earlier Act.

Regards,

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