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The Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
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Dear Alan:

I am sorry I was caught up in moving to my new post here just when you so thoughtfully sent me your letter of August 11, 1978 about the regulation of DNA research. I am glad to see that the tide of opinion has now turned against any hasty legislation that might needlessly multiply regulatory burdens. I have never doubted that NIH, FDA and EPA already had more than sufficient authority. The present mood seems to be "sufficient unto the day..." , particularly in relation to many other really urgent problems.

Nevertheless it was rather shabby of me not to have replied for so long. Besides the manifest headaches of this large a move (personal and social as well as professional), I had a surgical problem in my shoulder that has only just cleared up.

So I hope I can be more responsive in future to your thoughtful communications.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg