COMMENTS OF THE SECTION ON PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAW OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR ON TRADEMARK LAW REVISION ACT H.R. 4156

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The Honorable Robert W. Kastenmeier
Chairman
Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties
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2137 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Trademark Law Revision Act H.R. 4156

Dear Congressman Kastenmeier:

I am writing on behalf of the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar to express our Section's support for the Trademark Law Revision Act (H.R. 4156).

Our Section consists of about 1200 attorneys, many of whom have practices devoted exclusively or in large part to the application of federal trademark law to the commercial practices of their clients. Individuals in our Section have become familiar with H.R. 4156, and a recent survey of a group of members most interested in trademark matters indicated strong support for its passage. The survey indicated near unanimous support for all of its various provisions.

We believe that enactment of H.R. 4156 would significantly improve the federal trademark system. A companion bill has already passed the Senate and the House Judiciary Committee has scheduled hearings on H.R. 4156 on September 8. We hope Congress will take advantage of this opportunity to adopt all of the proposals for amendment, codification, clarification and definition for which general support exists in industry and the bar.

Please include this letter in the record of the hearing held by the Subcommittee on September 8, 1988. We will be glad to provide any additional information that would be useful.

Very truly yours,

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