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Dear Director Kappos:

I am disappointed and upset with your performance as Director. Please quit stalling and do your job. Micro-entity fees were supposed to go into effect immediately upon enactment back on 9/16/2011. You did not have any problem implementing the "Fast Track for Fat Cats" provision (Sect.11(h)) on time on 9/26/2011 to help your friends at IBM. New section 123 of the patent law, effective 9/16/2011 found in section 10(g) of the AIA spells out what is a "micro-entity". There is no need for delaying implementation to determine qualifications when the Act spells them out. I and many others think you are catering to IBM and other big filers and screwing the little guy. Shame on you! It is one thing for the best Congress money can buy to pass the Anti-Inventor Act of 2011, as a 9% approval rating tells us to expect that sort of big business legislation from Congress. It is another thing for a once proud agency like the US Patent & Trademark Office to deliberately delay Congressionally mandated fee reductions for the smallest inventors. Shame on you! You can always adjust the qualifications later, so there is no need to abuse your discretion to delay this. It smacks of greed and corruption at the PTO. You are living up (or is it down?) to your reputation as David "IBM" Kappos when you pull a stunt like this delay in implementation of micro-entity fees while rushing all the fee increases into effect. Shame on you! We are on to your game and we don't like it. It seems you are only too eager to do anything to squeeze the independent inventor out of the system.

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