Thank you for allowing me to comment on the AIA law. I am an independent inventor living in Hawaii. While reading the new inter-partes review rules under AIA (on the USPTO website, of course) I took issue with the following: “A petitioner may request to cancel as unpatentable 1 or more claims of a patent based on §§ 102, 103 using patents or printed publications.”

You see, in our 21st Century modern society, many forms of prior art have emerged, including moving pictures such as online videos, commercials, movies, etc. I am filing a utility application tomorrow, in fact, and one of my main prior art references is a chewing gum commercial that aired some years ago—they never made a print advertisement for it that fully shows the relevant prior art, but the video footage of the commercial is highly relevant to my invention.

Based on the above, I would respectfully ask you to also consider adding “or other relevant media fully disclosing...relevant prior art”, or similar language to that effect, to the inter-partes review “rule language”. Aloha pumehana,

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