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General Comment

I am writing to oppose any changes that might weaken inter partes review. "Patent trolls" are a well-known quantity whose only function is to unjustly enrich themselves via the creativity, hard work and entrepreneurial risk-taking of legitimate creators and inventors.

Weakening inter partes review will make it much more difficult for the legitimate owners of novel inventions, technologies, etc to retain the rights to and profit from their ideas and hard work that they so justly deserve.

Further enabling patent trolls will only serve to discourage the creative and inventive spirit that is a hallmark of American society today and one of the primary drivers of American greatness and economy.

If any work is to be done in this area, it should serve to defeat patent trolls and encourage the work of truly creative, inventive and innovative people, companies and organizations in our country.