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Subject: Third Party Submission of Prior Art in a Patent Application (Response to Proposed Rules)

Hello,

I strongly support the comments submitted by Mr. Harold C. Wegner, "Third Party Submission Law of the Leahy Smith Act (February 1, 2012)". On pages 3 through 7 of his comments, Mr. Wegner points out that the new law has loopholes that allow the effective harassment of patent applicants. Mr. Wegner also suggests corrective steps to control this problem. Especially powerful is his suggestion that submissions be restricted to registered practitioners.

This is a very important issue that has caused great concern in the independent inventor community. Harassment could be carried out to bust patent applications and propel new inventions into the public domain. Private organizations could do such patent busting for commercial purposes, and secret national organizations could do the same to further economic conflicts.

USPTO analysts need to seriously consider this problem and constructive steps needed to protect against it.

Respectfully submitted,

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