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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a registered patent attorney, reg. no. 45,076, commenting on the proposed rulemaking solely on my own behalf. My comments do not necessarily represent the views of my employer.

The proposed changes represent a substantial improvement to appeal brief practice. They will save significant time in the course of appeal brief preparation, and virtually eliminate the scourge of non-compliant appeal briefs. Notices of non-compliance represent a source of months of backlog every time one is sent, so their reduction will improve the USPTO backlog overall.

This proposed set of rules is as beneficial as the previously-stayed rules were harmful. I wholeheartedly support this proposed change to appeal practice.

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