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Dear Ms. Horner,

In response to the request for comments regarding the proposed rulemaking published on November 15, 2010 in the Federal Register (75 FR 69,828) applying to 37 CFR Parts 1 and 41 "Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Ex Parte Appeals; Proposed Rule," the Washington State Patent Law Association ("WSPLA") desires to express its support for the proposed rulemaking. WSPLA supports implementing the rules without changes and allowing the rules to go into effect in due course. WSPLA also supports the proposed permanent rescindment of the final rulemaking published on June 9, 2008 in the Federal Register (73 FR 32,559), currently stayed.

Thank you,



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