

To Whom it May Concern:

Keeping patents secret for anything other than national security is a bad idea; furthermore, it is contrary to the fundamental principle of the patent system: patents are awarded in order that new ideas may become publicly known while protecting the patent holder's business interests for a limited period of time. Adopting new rules allowing secrecy for "economically significant" patents would not be in the best interest of the United States or its citizens.

Please, do the right thing, do not adopt this proposal.

Thank you,

Michael Mamanakis