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Subject: Grave concern re: Proposed Real Party In Interest Rules

Good evening.

As an independent inventor from California with both issued and pending utility patents, I have a very grave concern concerning paragraph f(4) of proposed 37 CFR 1.271; which currently states:

"(4) The identification of a natural person must include the full legal name, RESIDENCE, and a correspondence address."

In this day and age, with many 1,000's people being regularly harassed, intimidated, and even murdered across our nation year after year after year, it is simply too dangerous to put independent inventors and their families at risk of becoming crime victims by unnecessarily forcing them to publicly reveal their residence (home) addresses.

And note that independent inventors are the ONLY entity type required to supply their residence addresses under this proposal. They are the ONLY ones being asked to expose themselves and their families (and even their neighbors) to criminal acts. They are the ONLY ones at risk. Shouldn't ALL entity types be similarly forced to publicly reveal their (the corporate officers, etc) home addresses?

I understand that many, and even perhaps most, independent inventors elect to use their home addresses for their correspondence addresses (dangerous though it be). But that is their choice -- their decision -- their risk.

All of us who use Post Office Boxes (or private boxes, etc) shouldn't be forced to join them.

While the goals and intent of these proposals are admirable, I respectfully request -- no, implore -- the Patent Office to please remove the requirement of us many 1,000's of current and future independent inventors having to make public our residence / home addresses.

The correspondence address requirement is enough. As it is the address independent inventors have chosen to use in our many communications back and forth with the Patent Office, they certainly meet the proposed rules intent to be able to easily and legally contact us inventors. Indeed, the United States Post Office readily supplies the home addresses of their boxes upon a proper legal request.

We independent inventors are not the ones causing the problems which has lead to these proposed rules. It is not us hiding behind LLCs and other legal entities. Not us sending 1,000's of suspect patent-licensing letters to small businesses. Who we are, the cities and states we

live in, are already revealed in the PTO public records. We're already relatively easy to identify, locate, and contact ... for someone with a bona fide and legal reason to do so.

Please don't wait until one of us -- and/or one or more of our loved ones -- is murdered ... and it comes out in the trial that the killer obtained our address from the Patent Office public records.

We live in dangerous times. As the numerous school, mall, and other shootings of these past years repeatedly and sadly demonstrate.

No one should be required to make their home address public as a condition of obtaining -- and holding onto -- their hard-earned patents.

Please drop the residence address requirement.

Please.

Steve