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To: RCEOutreach @ USPTO.gov

Dear Sir or Madam:

I submitted comments to RCE Outreach via email on February 26, 2013. I am submitting these additional comments to draw particular attention to and emphasize one of the points made in that submission.

The inability of the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) to obtain final decisions as to the patentability of applications it has examined is one of the two foundational flaws in the United States patent system. If the USPTO is to play a constructive role in fostering innovation in the United States it is essential that this fundamental flaw be corrected.

The only way to correct this fundamental flaw is for all Refiled Continuing Applications (Continuations, CIPs, and RCEs) to be abolished. And the only way that can happen is for the USPTO to seek and insist on legislation abolishing all Refiled Continuing Applications (Continuations, CIPs, and RCEs).

If the USPTO and its management choose not to seek and insist on such legislation then it is obvious the USPTO and its management are more interested in appeasing the "patent crowd" than in serving the public interest by fostering innovation in the United States.

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