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Comment from John Kendall.

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General Comment

I have several issued patents related to my job as a chemist, but most important to me is a pending utility application for a dog chew toy device. I've built a small start-up business that is growing well, and may begin to employ additional people next year. Getting an issued patent is very important, because my product's novelty is what sets it apart from the rest of the market. There are numerous horror stories about what the PTAB has done to small inventors and businesses when it invalidates patents--at a percentage that would seem to be statistically impossible. It will cost me and my small business a lot of money to get the patent issued, and I can't imagine the expense of fighting the PTAB after all that. Essentially, the PTAB seems to be an enforcement arm of large businesses that want to squat on other people's labor and ingenuity. I won't reproduce it here, but I have read and am in alignment with the comments filed by "US Inventor". Please, take their comment seriously and severely reform or abolish the PTAB.