As an inventor who received his first patent at the age of 22 (39 years ago), I am disheartened that the USPTO has become an institution that works against small inventors. My tiny company's current dealings with the USPTO are extremely challenging.

We filled a petition to change examiner (pro se) because of bias against us, that was wrongly dismissed. If the reader would like to review the petition, it is under application 11426002, an application that has been shamefully pending for 14 long years. The unbiased reader will clearly note that the USPTO is treating us like an enemy, with no direct recourse, since the USPTO is a monopolistic institution. We noted 13 instances of examiner bias against us. All were dismissed, with clearly bogus reasoning. We are currently contemplating suing the USPTO for bias, pro se, something that will be extremely difficult for a company with no income.

We will now have to file an appeal for review with the PTAB, something we are definitely not looking forward to, given how we have been treated by USPTO thus far.
It is hoped that good people will take action to protect the small inventor.

Thank you for your consideration.