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General Comment

I oppose the U.S. Patent and Trademark Offices proposed regulations changing the nature of PTAB trials., Docket No. PTO-C-2020-0055.

Weakening the IPR system further removes power from small players and in my line of work of software and hardware, patents often stand in the way of innovation, not spur it because of the wide ranging patents that are granted which discourages development of related ideas at the risk of a costly lawsuit.

Now more than ever, ideas are dispersed rapidly on the Internet and while it is currently understandable that the patent clerk granting a patent could not comb the entire Internet for prior art, people in each technology field certainly do and need an avenue to bring this to the attention of the courts in an accessible venue for small players.