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Comment from Bill Dempsey

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## General Comment

With the technological advances in low cost prototyping equipment more ideas are being developed by individuals than at any time in history. It is already prohibitively expensive and complex for individual makers and inventors to properly protect their intellectual property from being stolen by greedy corporations with deep pockets. The process and rules already show heavy bias toward corporations and patent trolls owning all ideas, even when the ideas were stolen from brilliant individuals who lack financial resources. The abuse of individual inventors is already widespread and hindering the pace of development in this country. If you care about restoring this country to a leadership position in advancing humanity with new ideas, you will abandon your efforts to force any more obviously biased and overly restrictive temporary rules into the system permanently. In your position, you even have the power to encourage more innovation by individuals by removing the intentional bias woven into the patent system through decades of corruption by special interest lap dogs. Be a hero rather than one more corporate henchman. A huge number of ideas never leave basement and garage workshops due to the fear that patent office-sanctioned theft will make another company rich by claiming the idea was their own. Andrew Dysons (cyclonic vacuum inventor) experience was typical of corporate theft. It was also atypical because he was able to get a fair hearing and won. Under

your current restrictions he might not have been given the chance to reclaim his property. You cant possibly think that result would have been moral and justified. Help all the victims who arent as lucky as Andrew Dyson. Be remembered as a good guy, not a henchman.