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## General Comment

Our patent process is already smothering of the very innovation it was supposed to promote. Making it harder to challenge and stop bad patents exacerbates the problem. It especially should not be pushed forward by a lame duck president who appears vindictive.