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## General Comment

I am opposed to elimination of Inter Partes review. This proposed change would in fact prevent legal challenges to fraudulent claims of infringement by criminal actors which would result in more fraudulent claims being submitted by "patent trolls".

In fact this change is actually counter to what should be taking place. You should be making changes that make it more difficult for fraudulent patent claims to be raised by, what are in most cases, simply plain old fashioned criminals. I have seen the documentary about the patent scammers in East Texas and wonder why that sort of criminal activity is allowed. What these patent trolls are engaged in is extortion and should be treated as such by the legal system.