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Comment from Scott Ellis

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## General Comment

The US government's intention to place limits on Inter Parties Review is wrong and should be denied, because it hampers the ability of citizens to defend against fraudulent and abusive patent infringement lawsuits. The US patent system has serious problems, because they've issued poor quality patents. There certainly is a need for reform, but not by limiting Inter Parties Review, which does nothing to address the real underlying problem of poor quality patents issued by the US government. The abuse comes from the 'patent holders' with their abusive infringement lawsuits. The focus of the administrative action should be on improving the quality of the patents, not limiting the defense of those being sued for infringement. Please deny this proposal by the US government to limit Inter Parties Review. Instead require them to focus upon the quality of their existing and issuance of US patents, to curtail the fraud and abuse from 'bad' patent lawsuits that suppress innovation and industry.