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Comment from Walter Fellows

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General Comment

I am the owner of a small company manufacturing a composite amphibian seaplane and am the principal engineer of the company. I also am a retired investment banker. I encourage you not to make these proposed rule changes. I have seen the rise of hedge funds buying up all kinds of assets to milk them to maximum extent. Companies that buy patents and try to patent commonly used practices and processes are part of this group ("Patent Trolls"). These Patent Trolls do nothing beneficial for the growth of the economy. Many are merely patents on commonly used processes filed to see if they will get by a review that should reject the claim. Developing companies must have a clear process to challenge such frivolous and marginal patent claims.