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## General Comment

I think those creating and using IP should be able to defend themselves against those obtaining patents purely for financial gain without any intent or capability to utilize those patents. Patents without the capability to produce or utilize such patents actually stifles the innovation that the patent system was intended to encourage.

I also think that the granting of patents should include more stringent checking of prior art and investigation of the capability to utilize such patents in a production situation. A patent without capability to produce does nothing to encourage innovation.