I am a citizen who values the work of small companies like Backblaze and Laminar Research. I oppose the weakening of inter partes review.

Inter partes review is a critical protection for small companies trying to do good work. Far too often, these innovators are stifled by legal challenges from patent holders who play no significant role in the creation of the new technology. This results in diversion of resources into parasitic legal activity and away from work of important economic value. The ability to scrutinize and potentially invalidate such patents is a critical safeguard against misuse of patent protection.

Inter partes review should be preserved.

Thank you.