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## General Comment

Patent trolls are a destructive element to patent innovation. Inventors, and especially small inventors who are not backed up by company law departments, ought to have an instrument of protection against this nuisance.