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General Comment

I'm a space technologist, based on Liverpool, UK. It was my hope, once my invention comes to fruition, to establish a branch office in the United States.

But, having recently watched "The Patent Scam", I'm extremely reluctant to set up an operation in the US in fear of being sued by disingenuous Patent lawyers who are effectively protected by US lawmakers in Congress. It's an absolute disgrace that the legal profession can shakedown small and medium enterprises in such a way and effectively extort them out of hundreds of thousands of dollars per SME - or have those scammers have those SMEs spending even more to defend themselves while having to sign NDAs as part of a settlement.

SMEs are job creators and if anything, we should be revered given the high risk nature of what we do. Yet, the current system is incredibly hostile to attracting small businesses from overseas; never mind encouraging entrepreneurial start-ups within the United States.

It's taken me 20 years to get to where I am but thanks; when time is right to establish a branch office, I'll set up elsewhere perhaps in Canada or Mexico and export to the US.