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General Comment

I respectfully request that the Office also consider instituting a rule barring the institution of IPRs on patents nearing expiration; e.g., in the last 2 - 3 years of their lives.

Companies of all sizes -- and especially small firms and independent inventors for whom patents were first, Constitutionally authorized by our Country's Founders -- shouldn't have their innovations challenged; e.g., 14 - 15 years after they've been duly approved and issued by the Patent Office.

With the right to go to Court at all times available, it is sound public policy for such aged innovations to have at least a few short years free of attack from others at the Patent Office.

Thank you for your consideration.

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