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• Inventor Diversity for Economic Advancement (IDEA) Act
• Included in America COMPETES Act of 2021 (H.R. 4521) and in the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act of 2021 (S. 1260)
  – Requires the USPTO to provide for the collection of voluntary demographic information (gender, race, military/veteran’s status, & any other demographic category) of patent applicants
  – Requires USPTO to submit two biennial reports: (1) a report on the data gathered and (2) a report that evaluates the data collection process
  – Requires USPTO to make the data publicly available
Thank you!

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