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I favor the streamlined version of cancellation proceedings on the grounds set forth in the Proposal. This streamlining is in keeping with the policy of eliminating deadwood registrations. It appears from the PTO database more than anecdotal that many desired marks are “taken” -- despite availability searches showing no use of such mark(s) for many years, if ever. It is consistent with our use-based system to streamline cancellation of “warehoused” registrations so that such marks can be more quickly adopted and used in commerce by others. The Proposal provides reasonable safeguards to respondents. Both commerce and consumers will benefit from a process making it easier to remove abandoned/unused trademark and service mark registrations from the clutches of those who are no longer entitled to them.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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