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## General Comment

I am a U.S. registered attorney and I support the proposed change. I also suggest the USPTO to set up a secured system for filing and prosecuting trademarks, since there are many identity thieves in China. The following is one example as reported by the news:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/lawyers-name-forged-hundreds-uspto-034544945.html>

This Canadian patent agents signature was forged on hundreds of U.S. trademark applications before she discovered what was happening. Her name was found on trademark applications with Chinese applicants who are obviously not located in Canada, therefore she is not permitted to represent them. In addition to allegedly forging her signature, she said the applicants also connected her to bogus email addresses.

This is just one of the many examples of identity theft in China, and it is therefore extremely important that the USPTO sets up a secured system for filing and prosecuting trademarks. It is suggested to have more stringent requirements for proving the identity of the U.S. registered attorney, e.g. requiring an affidavit from the attorney and an original letter of good standing from the state bar, in order to prevent the theft thieves from China.