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To: <u>TM FR Notices</u>

Subject: Strongly support the proposed change that would require trademark applicants who do not reside in the U.S.A.

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Dear Sirs,

I strongly support the proposed change that would require trademark applicants who do not reside in the U.S.A. to be represented by a U.S. Attorney.

As I know many individuals or company help many foreign companies file many trademark applications at the USPTO under trademark owner's name. For trademark owner, they really don't know what's the different between filing by a US Attorney or individuals who use their name to file. Also, many foreign applicants may not realize the importance of proper use statements.

Those individuals or foreign companies who file applications under applicants' name, normally will not explain and remind clients to pick the goods and or services which are being used in US commerce when they submit SOU. The individuals or firms acting like applicants won't tell applicants the trademark may be opposed or cancelled easily based on improper SOU.

Therefore, the modification of the rule is very important so that individuals and companies not residing in the U.S.A. be represented by a US Attorney for trademark matters at the USPTO, including filing and prosecution. This will help applicants as their trademark rights will be better protected.

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