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Attn: Pinchus Laufer, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy

Dear Commissioner Lee,

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is requesting comments on whether the accelerated examination program should be retained. 82 Fed. Reg. 3758. My answer is an emphatic “yes” and, for both me and on behalf of my clients, I kindly request that this program continue.

I have been a patent attorney since 1987 and prosecute patents pretty much every day. My name is associated with the issuance of over 1500 U.S. patents at the USPTO. For virtually every patent I file, I discuss the very beneficial option of being able to request expedited examination and, to the last person, every patentee appreciates the *ability to have the choice* to pay for acceleration.

I am very surprised to hear that the number of accelerated examination requests has been low. In my small firm, I have filed a number of accelerated petitions and believe that this option is crucial for individuals and small businesses to have an ability to request a first Office action that will appear within the first year or about 6 months if business reasons justify the expense.

I understand that no public hearing will be held and humbly beseech the Office to keep this wonderful program.

Yours very truly,  
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