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On behalf of the law firm of Tillman Wright, PLLC, I am submitting comments regarding the proposed retention or discontinuation of the accelerated examination program.

The firm requests that the accelerated examination program be maintained, at least insofar as an inventor who is a senior can participate in an accelerated examination program without payment of a fee.

Indeed, we do come across independent inventors who qualify for this program and who, once learning of the program, and heartened by the prospects of being able to potentially exploit patent protection on their inventions sooner rather than later given their age. Furthermore, without the accelerated examination program, many of these independent inventors—now retired—are financially constrained and may not have access to the priority examination (Track One) option due to its high costs. Retaining the program therefore is important for such inventors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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