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Director Lencu:

After several years of watching the patent system of this great country succumb to the desires of a mighty few and further slip down World rankings, I wholeheartedly support your proposed rule changes. Using the same claim construction standard of Phillips as applied in the Federal District Courts and moving away from the BRI standard of claim construction should help eliminate the "race to finality" pitting the USPTO and its people against the decisions of juries and Federal Judges. Such race has added millions of dollars in burden to small innovators instead of saving money as Congress intended.

I further believe that adoption of a rule whereby claim construction in prior proceedings using the Phillip's standards of the Federal Courts be given deference at the PTAB.

Such changes are only fair and equitable as small and medium sized inventors have to spend years obtaining patents and millions more to bring their products to market only to be attacked by those who would use the USPTO to steal and litigate rather than enter into fair license agreements.

At first, I believed the AIA might be an opportunity to hold down costs associated with the enforcement of patent rights against the efficient infringement group, the patent troll fantasy and the bad patent slanders leveled against small innovators. My belief was that innovators could get their patent claims affirmed quickly and inexpensively when attacked by the above.

However, now we all know that the AIA and your agency has merely become the whipping boy for the giants and hedge funds in order to avoid paying for use of patents and pad their own pocketbooks.

I urge you to stand firm against the attacks of the hostile attacks upon you by some members of Congress, the Judiciary Committees of Congress and those who wish to continue to beat up small inventors, University think tanks and those companies who innovate but do not necessarily manufacture products. Stand firm and make the America patent system great again.

Very truly yours,

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