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Subject: Proposed Changes to the Claim Construction Standard
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Dear Director Iancu

My name is John Cleaves. I am an inventor and hold patent 9,174,803 for a compact conveyor system. I am also a board member of the Tennessee Inventors Association.

I am writing you to express my support for the proposed changes to the claim construction standard for interpreting claims in inter partes review (“IPR”), post-grant review (“PGR”), and the transitional program for covered business method patents (“CBM”) proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“PTAB” or “Board”) published on May 9, 2018.

These changes are needed to minimize the differences between claim construction standards which would lead to greater uniformity and predictability in the patent system, increase judicial efficiency overall, and eliminate the concern that potential unfairness could result from using an arguably broader standard in AIA trial proceedings.

Please do everything you can to implement these changes.

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