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DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Attn: Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael Tierney and Jacqueline Wright Bonilla

RE: Public Comment on Changes to Claim Construction Standard
Docket Number: PTO-P-2018-0036

Dear Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judges Michael Tierny and/or Jacqueline Wright Bonilla:

I urge you to support the amendments to the rules for the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act. Without consistency of standards between the federal courts and the PTAB, it allows an infringer who has lost at the federal court to attempt again at PTAB using different standards. Before granting a patent, the original patent already included extensive review and subjected to an intense claim construction review in a trial court.

Simply, I support the changes in claim construction as the penalties are too great on the original patent holder under continued review under different standards. Please rule for consistency.
Thank you for your consideration

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