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I strongly support adoption of the proposed rule. It makes no sense that a patent has to be defended over and over by different courts using different standards. The amount of money that patent holders have to spend to first obtain a patent and then defend that patent through civil court as well as the PTAB and CAFC is ludicrous. At the very least judge them using the same standards. I also feel it is an injustice to allow a non-interested party to file for review of a company's patents. This invites hedge funds to short companies' stock and then file IPRs against the companies' patents. Small companies and individual inventors are almost guaranteed to fail using our current patent system.

Thank you for your consideration,

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