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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my strong support for the USPTO's proposal to reform the PTAB process by requiring the PTAB to use the same federal court standard for considering patent claims. If adopted, this proposal would help restore predictability to the process and avoid inconsistent results when the same patent is reviewed in different forums. We need more steps like this to strengthen patent rights and the ability of inventors to protect their innovations.

It has been widely reported that the U.S. patent system has been significantly weakened in recent years due to legislation and Supreme Court cases that have undermined patent protections. In fact, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Center 2018 International IP Index, the U.S. has dropped to 12th place in patent system strength. This decline in U.S. patent protections is harmful to our nation's economic growth and job creation and must be stopped.

The USPTO's proposal to reform the PTAB process would be a helpful step in restoring patent rights for American inventors. I urge you to finalize and implement this proposal as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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