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Dear Director Inacu,

I am a mom, wife, investor and very concerned citizen. The current state of our patent system is of great concern to me. My children are all grown up now, but I've been reflecting on their elementary school years and remembering the hours that went into school projects like the annual science fair and Odyssey of the Mind. This was to get the kids excited about new and creative innovations. It was designed to get them excited about the possibility of commercializing and licensing a future innovation. Clearly, even the science fair winner in elementary school, probably would not go on to patent their winning entry, but the goal was to create a drive in these kids to see the possibilities of their own inventions. That drive has now been taken away.

The implementation of the PTAB under the American Inventors Act has crushed and paralyzed innovation in our great country. Our great and brilliant inventors have had to spend millions of dollars and excessive amounts of time to defend their patents because the PTAB is using a different standard (BRI) to determine the validity of their patents. Why this change after all these years? Why was the AIA created? Has it helped to streamline the process? How confusing it is to have the Article 3 courts use one standard (Phillips) and the PTAB use another (BRI). Being excited about your innovation, and then to go through this divided and confusing process to keep your patents alive, stifles future innovation. An inventors dream is to hopefully license and finally get paid for his/her innovation. If an Article 3 court has validated the patents, then it is confusing and wrong to have those patents deemed invalid by the PTAB.

Please Director Inacu, quickly fix this travesty and don't allow the current patents already adjudicated by an Article 3 court to be invalidated by the PTAB. Our present and future inventors are counting on you to make this right! Think of our future generations sitting in a classroom right now awaiting their grade on a science fair or Odyssey of the Mind project. Don't allow our U.S innovations to be stifled any longer.

Thank you,  
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