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I have been sued by a Patent Troll that has a grossly, grossly, grossly obvious patent that he used as a flimsy excuse to make my life a living hell for about 3 years of litigation.

Despite the absurdity of the patent ever being granted in the first place (the so-called 'inventor' claimed to own the idea of computers unlocking software based on exchanging information, filed literally a DECADE after such practice had entered the field), the Troll sued myself and many other companies, subjecting us to over \$2,000,000 in legal fees over about 3 years.

We were obviously being told that we were guilty until we could prove our innocence, and the only way to prove our innocence was to prove the obviousness and pre-dated nature of the patent: Which can only be done by IPR.

Reducing or eliminating the efficiency of the IPR simply makes it that much harder to prove our innocence... and simply gives the Troll more leverage to extort his settlement.

Make sure to leave IPR in place as it stands now: It is the only way that we can (and I can't believe I have to type this in the USA) prove that we are innocent after being presumed guilty by the government.

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You people should know what you are enabling at the Patent Office already.

I've visited the "businesses" that file patent-infringement lawsuits, and found THIS:

<https://youtu.be/sG9UMMq2dz4?t=516>

The patent office has already done tremendous damage by approving these non-sensical patents so they can be used as extortion tools by Patent Trolls that create no goods or services... and now you propose to weaken the ability of those that are sued to even show that the patents are non-sensical.

This is unbelievable. Just unbelievable.

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