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Subject: Public Commentary on Provisional Application Fee Deferral

Dear Ms. Fonda and Mr. Clarke:

Are public comments still being considered by the USPTO with respect to its fee deferral pilot program?

With so many industries impacted by covid-10 and record layoffs and unemployment rates, it is shortsighted to restrict your provisional application fee deferral to just products and processes related to covid-19 that require FDA approval. While a fee deferral seems a most modest offering to the intended prospect, a fee deferral seems more appropriate for the independent inventor, startup and small business-minded professional who may now be out of a job and steady stream of income and encouraged to think along inventive, self-supporting lines.

Your publication allows for the deferred fee arrangement to extend to other technologies beyond COVID-19 to other areas of focus and I am inquiring as to whether or not you have taken the above-mentioned segments of the population into consideration that might benefit from a deferral, temporary or permanent.

The courtesy of a post and your response is requested.

Sincerely,

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