

From: Inventors Association

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To: Eligibility2019

Subject: Support for 2019 Revised Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance

Dear Director Iancu,

As the Executive Director of the Inventors Association of Arizona (IAA), I write in support of the 2019 Revised Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance. The IAA is an organization of 100+ members with a reach of over 1200 inventors across our state. There are hundreds of inventors in Arizona that believe our patent system has been weakened, placing the independent inventor in a position of not being able to protect the invention the way our United States Constitution intended. We believe the 2019 Revised Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance will help strengthen our position. This guidance will improve the clarity, consistency, and predictability of examination and post issuance review of patents by the USPTO. Recent rulings by the courts and the USPTO have been ambiguous and contradictory. Even experienced attorneys are not able advise inventors as to whether their inventions are patentable. In cases where a patent has already been issued, there is no certainty as to whether it will be upheld. The new guidelines will provide a thorough, consistent, and logical application of the current law on subject matter eligibility.

Thank you for yours effort to position the United States to retake the lead in the next wave of technological innovation in areas like quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and medical diagnostics. Protection for discoveries in these fields is the absolute best way to promote progress in science and useful arts in our modern day. America's 200 year lead in innovation in the world has fallen to 12th place in a matter of a few short years. If we don't take action and strengthen the rights of our American patent holders, our system will continue to erode. Our best American innovators will go to other countries to protect their intellectual property.

Again, thank you for listening to the American citizen voice.

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