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I write in support of the 2019 Revised Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance.

That being said, I am the president of the Tennessee Inventors Association. We have our meetings once a month and I am constantly being confused and disillusioned about current patent laws and litigation cost and procedures. And very worried about the outcome of almost all court cases involving the PTAB court.

What confuses me the most is why the US is going after China over the stealing of patents and intellectual property when we have passed legislation that condones and has proven disastrous for patents and intellectual property in our own country. As president of an inventor group, of which there are many across this country, I find it hard to explain that the USPTO issues valid patents and overwhelmingly gets overturned in the PTAB court. This shows that the US is against its own citizens who come up with inventions that start companies, pay taxes, hire workers and keep the economy thriving. What makes an individual spend thousands of dollars to invent, prototype, refine and acquire a US patent only to be told that anyone who steals and or manufactures and sells a patented idea can not only get away with it but has the law on their side. (Review the PTAB records of successfully destroying original patents)

One other thing that is alarming is the rate that China is buying large US corporations so that they don't have to steal technology. Now they own it. Now that they own it , they don't even have to share it with US, the people that invented it in the first place.

These laws need to be changed or this country will fall far behind in inventing and small business growth.

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