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Subject: I'm in support of the 2019 Revised Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance

Hello Mr. Iancu,

I want to thank you for allowing and moving to change this small part of the law associated with inventors. We are not patent Trolls looking to steal from companies but we are simply everyday people trying to protect our IP from companies that have other than good intentions in taking advantage of the small entrepreneurs.

I have invented many ideas over the years and at times have shared my ideas with company owners and managers who went on to make millions from my designs and inventions. I was never compensated for my designs or product ideas, mostly due to working for companies that would rather take all and give little in return.

I have worked my entire adult life to have a nice retirement and have lost nearly all in the 2008 market crash, due to losing my job and burning through most of if not all of my retirement and savings. That said My plan was to have my IP to sustain me throughout my retirement. So with this revision now there was a light at the end of the tunnel for me.

Now that I am in a place financially where I can try to protect my ideas I'm finding out that my efforts will be pointless. This is very disheartening to me to have the ability to create new products for the market and now to find that I will have no real way to protect them.

All my life I was encouraged to invent and create and I have made millions of dollars for others, and now that I have the ability to do so for myself, the opportunity to do so is there but with no or little recourse to protect my ideas due to PTAB invalidating patents. Because of this I feel it pointless to even pursue that endeavor .

I have worked long hours and have raised 6 children in the process, I have taught them that if they create something new they could possibly be financially free. These teachings I fear, are now wrong and my children could possibly be trapped in a 9 to 5 or should I say in my case a 7 to 5 for the rest of there lives without any hope of having a better opportunity to free themselves through there own Intellect and ability to build or invent something great.

I also fear that my future Children and grand children without this change will never have the opportunities afforded to many Companies and people with financial means. Financial limitations should never stop one from moving their life/ inventions forward and upwards in a country as great as ours.

I don't mean to sound like a Drama Queen and I'm sorry if I do, I Just want to make a point that the freedom you and your team offer with this new change will mean everything to me and countless others.

Please understand that I'm a simple inventor with the hopes of having some sort of retirement once I reach that age, I am now 54 and its my prayer that all people that invent will be able to protect there IP through the USTPO. I still have faith that you and the USTPO employees will do the right thing and make this change.

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

This guidance does not expand on the Supreme Court holdings in Alice. This guidance does not expand on recent lower court rulings that certain inventions are patent eligible under the Alice test. It does not ignore other decisions nor distort the law, but rather acknowledges and solves the conundrum of confusing and apparently contradictory holdings. Adoption of this guidance will provide order, clarity, uniformity, and reduce disputes over section 101 in the courts and the USPTO.

Thank you for your 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.

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