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Subject: Comments - Rule Changes

John Doll

Commissioner for Patent

RE: Continuation Practic

Dear Commissioner Doll

I am an independent inventor and an executive assistant. My funds for inventions come from my savings and 2nd mortgage on my home. I have a very small budget for development and marketing of my ideas. All of my patent costs come out of my small budget.

I understand that the proposed rule changes on continuations will drastically increase my costs for obtaining a patent, while at the same time restricting the protection I pay for.

I understand that the proposed rules will force me to appeal all final rejections rather than filing continuations to give the examiners the additional time the need to better understand my invention.

I understand that the proposed rules will force me to file additional applications all on the same day to cover my invention

I understand that the proposed rules will force me to file many additional claims in my applications

I understand that the propose rules will result in either abandonment of the invention or borrow more money from other sources which may be difficult as others don't share the same enthusiasm for new ideas.

I want you to understand that the proposed rules will drastically limit and/or reduce my potential to bring an invention to market due to funding (or lack thereof).

Rather than changing the continuation rules, I recommend that you continue to increase rate of hiring of examiners and redirect the fees to training, salaries, and retention. As the examiner force increases, the number of examiners you

can hire and train each year will also increase. By your own numbers, the recent increases in examiner hiring has stabilized the time to examine applications. Continuing to hire at the present rate will inevitably drive that time down. Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations

Sincerely

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