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To: AB93Comments

Subject: Don't change the continuation rules

As an independent inventor, I am very dismayed to hear that you are changing the rules to limit the continuations. This will make it very difficult to get a patent through the system, and require a great deal of additional expense up front, which small inventors like me have a hard time putting up.

This rule change will stack the deck in favor of big corporations with lots of lawyers, and against the little guys like me. It is unfair, and contradicts the original goals and purposes of the patent office. I would urge you to reject this change.

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