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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to solicitation for comment in Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 244, I support the proposed revision as represented by the revised printed sections of 37 CFR 41.2 et seq. Particularly, the elimination of the examiner's reply brief and the change to allow the Chief Administrative Patent Judge to issue a remand order will improve the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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