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To whom it may concern: I am an inventor who has concerns about certain provision(s) regarding the conversion from a first to invent to a first to file policy. Although I realize that there are certain circumstances that make the aforementioned changes to patent law more efficient, however the above conversion from first to invent to first to file is worrisome to me. I also realize that certain organizations or entities develop patentable inventions on an industrial scale and submit such patent applications using in-house resources including patent lawyers, that take an "assembly line" approach to patenting; however if you decide to implement the first to file portion of the AIA, the garage workshop inventors will be shoved out of the patent process. If a home-based inventor has been working on a project for 10 years and has been doing their due diligence to progress with the process, but a large scale industrial company independently develops a similar invention over the past three years and has the resources to fund, manufacture and market their invention, where does that leave the garage workshop inventor? The first inventor to file law is going to deliver a great devastating blow to small inventors, inventing clubs and other modest portions of the invention industry who cannot compete with large-scale or industrial sources (colleges/universities, corporations/companies etc.). You must rethink about the consequences that these new laws will have on small to medium scale inventors who cannot compete with invention factories. The invention process alone is difficult enough, but patenting is becoming a burden to small home-based tinkerers who may become disillusioned at the thought that they have to compete at the same level as the industrial invention factories; this is like having a little league team going against a professional team. Thank you.