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Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 3:47 PM

To: Clarke, Robert (OPLA)

Subject: Public Comment on proposed three-track patent application system

Dear Mr. Clarke,

I'd like to comment on the US Patent Office proposal, of a three-track system for patent applications. I would strongly oppose such a measure. It rewards those with significant cash by allowing them to "jump ahead" of individuals who may have similar patent applications filed earlier. The patent system has been a level playing field for all who want to protect their intellectual property and should continue as such. It seems to come very close to bribery, if you ask me. It is not, as Mr. Kappos suggests in a recent interview with the *Wall Street Journal*, "like having someone in the butcher shop get out of line in front of you." To continue with his metaphor, the only reason they are not in line is that now they've been invited behind the meat counter to choose the freshest cut. By the time the "line" opens, there will be less meat overall for those in the slower tracks to even purchase.

Sincerely,

Andrea Doering