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Dear USPTO.

I am an entrepreneur and inventor with one patent to my name ( 6745986 ). I am VERY concerned over this new rule. Why does the new act do away with the first to invent protection that the United States offered its inventors. Why did we change to a "first to file" system? What benefit was it to the small inventor? Who promoted the Act?

I am not in favor of this because it makes us like every 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. A race to file only helps the big guys with the \$\$\$ and hurts the little guy trying to make it!

We have strayed too far from the original intentions of our founding fathers as seen here in the words from the first Patent Act of 1790:

CHAP. VII. --An Act to promote the progress of useful Arts.(a )

Within the very first sentence it clearly states that the "First to Invent" rule is valid - "...have invented or discovered any useful

art, manufacture, engine, machine, or device, or any improvement therein not before known or used,..."

Sincerely,

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