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To whom it may concern,

Regarding the issue of deferred examination, I think that adopting some sort of 'deferred examination'-type mechanism would be a big step in the right direction for the USPTO and would bring it in line with many other national patent granting authorities, including Canada and the JPO.

Such a policy change would likely have a significant positive impact on the current backlog at the USPTO, as applicants would effectively be able to choose which inventions are most important to them and should therefore be examined immediately and which can wait a while longer prior to examination. For small entities and individual inventors, this would also provide a means for deferring some of the patent filing costs, as the examination fee, currently due upon filing, could be postponed until the applicant would request examination.

In terms of timing, a maximum of between 3-5 years of deferral is in-line with other authorities and is probably suitable here as well.

Sincerely,

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