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Dear Ms. Tyson:

I would like to offer support and encouragement to the Patent Office's proposed implementation of a Virtual Official Gazette on the USPTO main web page. As a corporate practitioner I and other similarly situated members of the patent community are saturated with the flow of information associated with the increase in innovation activity.

As a young practitioner in the 1970's I enjoyed going through the Official Gazette one page at a time. In this new millennium I find it impractical from a time standpoint to carefully read the Official Gazette which has become larger.

Nevertheless, I routinely scan the OG Notices section of the Patent Office web page, and additionally frequently utilize the patent search features which the Office has provided.

Making the VOG searchable by assignee, class, subclass, and by key word are important steps to provide up to the minute information to the patent community. Being able to readily access full text/images of patents from the OG page would be of potential great benefit. Viewing only that information which I require, and which I can individually search is in my opinion a major step forward in providing the patent community with additional tools.

An additional feature, which would be useful to me would be a listserver e-mail service in which a list of patents conforming to a search string which the user would supply would be automatically e-mailed to the recipient. It would also be useful to obtain Official Gazette Notices relating to registration to practice, and rule changes by e-mail, either as text, or attached *.pdf files. This type of service would provide interested parties with prompt, direct notification of items that they have designated from a menu.

The comments contained herein represent the personal opinion of Robert Miller, and do not represent the official position of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.

Very truly yours,

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