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Subject: Elimination of Document Disclosure Program

I support the Office's proposal to eliminate the disclosure document program. It has caused more confusion with independent inventors than anything else as many first-time inventors believe that a disclosure document provides them protection when, unlike a provisional patent application, a disclosure document does not establish a constructive reduction to practice date for an invention described therein. I know of a few instances where an inventor lost all foreign patent rights in an invention as the inventor filed a document in the disclosure document program rather than filing a provisional application only to discover that the date of filing a document in the disclosure document program did not provide the inventor the ability to claim the date of filing as a priority date.

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