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I think the elimination of this program is short-sighted and really just an attempt to force people to use the 10 times more expensive provisional program. Also, what are some of the "electronic notebooks" that can be used to document an invention? I have never heard of them. In general, I think the patent system stinks. It is geared to force one into paying expensive lawyer fees primarily. What is needed to greatly promote creativity is a simplified dedicated system aimed specifically at the independent inventor. It could have a "fill-in-the-blanks" form where one documents the unique features. There is, after all, commercial software that is said to prepare patent applications. I propose that the term of this special independent inventor patent be about 7 years. One would always have the option of choosing to submit the present traditional application. It is often said that only a small percentage of issued patents every make money. in large part due to legal fees.. There are also the scam outfits that rip thousands of novice inventors off. Binding arbitration could be used to settle any disputes in the case of the "independent inventor Patent". All of the above barriers diminish and discourage the creativity needed to bring forth new products. We need to make it easier, not harder, to register and protect new ideas , so that one can approach manufacturers with confidence that the idea will not be stolen. The legalise stilted language used in patents is another barrier. I see no need for it, except to further push one into using a lawyer.