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Hello Ms. Catherine Kirik,

I'm writing to express my desire that the USPTO does not eliminate the Disclosure Document Program.

I think this program has value as long as we are a first-to-invent, as opposed to a first-to-file, country. It's hard for many people to keep conventional, witnessed, permanently bound, and page-numbered laboratory notebooks or notarized records that could be legally recognized as proof of the date of invention. That's not the way everybody works. The DD program is an easy way to establish a date. It gives an inventor piece of mind and it's a program that I personally value.

I realize it's not your only reason, but I think it's ridiculous to consider eliminating the program because some inventors who use the program believe that they are actually filing an application for a patent. I think it's pretty clear that's not what the program does, and those that can't understand that, probably wouldn't be able to get a product idea to market anyway. Please don't consider eliminating this valuable program because some people can't, or won't, read the clear instructions that describe the program.

Thank you for considering my comments.



Robert Tower