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John Doll

Commissioner for Patents

RE: Proposed rule changes on claims examination

Dear Commissioner Doll,

I am an independent inventor and a mechanical engineer/product developer. My funds come from savings and mortgage debts. I have a very limited budget for development and marketing of my invention. All of my patent costs come out of my limited budget. My budget has been further limited by the fact I lost my job three years ago and I decided to pursue my lifelong dream of inventing and licensing my inventions.

I understand that the proposed rule changes on claims examination will drastically increase my costs for obtaining a patent, while at the same time restricting the protection I pay for.

I understand that even though I paid for twenty claims to be examined, the examiners will only examine ten claims.

I understand that the proposed rule will force me to file many additional applications all on the same day to cover my invention.

I understand that the proposed rules will result in either abandoning my invention or further mortgaging my house. I have already taken cash out and the monthly payments will become too high to be able to afford my house. These proposed rulings will cause me to lose the house I worked for 20 years to be able to afford.

I want you to understand that the proposed rules will deplete funds for marketing, development, and patent protections.

Rather than changing the continuation rules, I recommend that you continue to increase rate of hiring of examiners and redirect the fees to

training, salaries, and retention. As the examiner force increases, the number of examiners you can hire and train each year will also increase. By your own numbers, the recent increases in examiner hiring has stabilized the time to examine applications. Continuing to hire at the present rate will inevitably drive that time down. Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations.

Sincerely

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Independent Inventor