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To: AB94Comments

Subject: we do not need more restriction to invent

John Doll ,Commissioner for Patents

RE: Proposed rule changes on claims examination

Dear Commissioner Doll,

I am an independent inventor and an engineer by training. Unlike corporations and other deep pocket business entities, all of my patent costs come from my own limited savings. I have a very limited budget for development and marketing of my invention.

Below are my understanding of the proposed changes:

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 I would be able to file only one continuation . We need to encourage creative people to freely invent so that our country can lead in this new century of global competition. It is simply bad business to erect a financial barrier to discourage inventions. If our inventors cannot protect their intelligent properties due to added cost, it would allow other countries to copy our ideas for free. I want you to understand that the proposed rules will force me not to file all my inventions. I would be forced to blindly and prematurely choose and decide on the value of my invention before I complete my inventions.

Rather than the 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 ,

Charles Wong