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To: AB95 Comments

Subject: Comments on Changes To Information Disclosure Statement Requirements and Other Related Matters

Dear Sirs:

Please note my opposition to the proposed rule: Changes To Information Disclosure Statement Requirements and Other Related Matters, published in the Federal Register on July 10, 2006.

These rules will substantially increase the costs associated with applications in which the applicants have carried out a prior art search. Individuals and small to medium sized businesses cannot afford these additional costs. Therefore to keep the costs down associated with patenting, applicants will likely forgo searches for prior art.

By encouraging Applicants not to search, these rules will negatively effect the quality of patent applications.

I believe a more practical approach would be to do away with 37 CFR 1.56 altogether. Most foreign countries do not require applicants to submit prior art. I believe it is time for the U.S. Patent Office to reconsider why it continues to do so.

Respectfully,

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