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This is a very bad idea in that the priority claims made to the earlier application(s) currently limit the length of patent monopoly. Furthermore, this proposed change, as usual, blames the problems it sets out to correct on Applicant, and not the PTO. As usual, this proposed change fails to recognize just how often the Patent Examiners fail to understand the instant application at hand, the prior art, and the laws and rules governing patent examination. Please leave the current system alone and provide better trained examiners who have more time for each examination. Thank you. Brian Carlson