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**To:** AB93Comments; AB94Comments

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**Subject:** Proposed changes

RE: Continuation practice AB93 and AB94

Dear Commissioner Doll

My name is Dan Holman, I work for a small company for wages and I am an independent inventor. My funds come from savings and sometimes favors or bartering with friends. I have a very limited budget for development and marketing of my invention. All of my patent costs come out of my limited budget.

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

I understand that the proposed rules will force me to appeal all final rejections rather than filing continuations to give the examiners the additional time the need to better understand my invention.

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

I understand that the proposed rules will force me to file many additional claims in my applications

I understand that the proposed rules will result in actions that will cause me to abandon new ideas. While throwing the ingenuity of the people of the "United States of America" into a period of darkness until the laws are reversed. Thus allowing adversary's of the "USA" leap ahead of our once great nation.

While working for companies that have made sign intellectual property agreements that have restricted me from being able to apply for a patent or being able benefit financially from the invention. After all there is no law that states that because you have a great idea that you have too disclose it, so why improve mankind if it leads to personal heartaches with little or no personal gains.

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

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