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Greetings:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office publicized that "Utility patents may be granted to anyone who invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, article of manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement". The keyword in that sentence is "anyone". As a US Citizen and individual inventor with eight issued patents and three pending applications, I relied upon that statement when submitting my applications.

Proposal AB93, if enacted, will preclude me from filing continuations or RCEs based on pending cases in which a continuation or RCE had already been filed. In effect, it hinders my right of securing additional patent protection for my innovative solutions with my only option for redress being to file a petition (although AB93 does not describe how, what, where, or when such could take place), or take an appeal to the Board. AB93, if enacted, places an unfair, onerous, time consuming, and financial burden upon me as a US citizen, even though I relied upon the statutes enacted by Congress at the time I filed my applications.

Regards,

Charles Northrup