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Subject: Proposed changes:

Please accept my strong disapproval of the proposed changes that would limit the ability to file a CIP or request a continued examination. While both are an insult to inventors (who already pay substantially more than the full expenses of the USPTO and deserve that sufficient manpower be provided) I most strenuously object to the added barrier proposed that would make new claims on existing specifications more difficult.

Each year the creative forces behind America's innovations are penalized with fees that exceed the USPTO's expenses (bled off to feed other areas of government) and held back by slow response. It is an insult to tell inventors that, rather than hiring an adequate and skilled staff with their funds, you prefer to cut services.

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