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From: Robert E. Maag

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To: AB95 Comments

Subject: Comments on proposed changes to the rules of USPTO regarding Information Disclosure Statement requirements and other related matters

Attn: Mr. Hiram H. Bernstein

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express opposition to the proposed changes to the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding Information Disclosure Statement requirements and other related matters, as published in the Federal Register on Monday, July 10, 2006.

These proposed changes to the rules would add increased complexity and costs to the patent prosecution process, which will make the process even more burdensome to the individual inventors and small businesses attempting to procure patent protection for their inventions.

I respectfully recommend that these changes not be adopted.

Thank you.

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