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Via E-Mail and Fax

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Attn: Mr. Ronald Hack, Acting Chief Information Officer

Re: Plan to Remove Patent and Trademark Classified Paper Files for Public Search Facilities

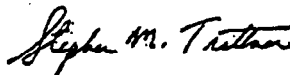
Dear Mr. Hack:

I have been involved in trademark practice for over 25 years. I lecture on trademark law and I am a co-author for a trademark treatise to be published next year by BNA.

In my opinion, removal of the paper file would be an enormous mistake and is at odds with protecting the public interest in preventing future trademark infringements. The fact is that for years I have received a search of the paper file and computer files for the same marks and in some instances the paper files reflected marks that are not contained in the computer files. In these instances, the paper files prevented the adoption of an infringing mark.

I oppose in the strongest terms possible the proposed removal of the paper files.

Respectfully submitted,



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