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To: AB94Comments

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Subject: PENDING RULES CHANGES

Mr. John Doll
Commissioner for Patents

RE: Pending Rules Changes

Dear Commissioner Doll:

I am a divorced woman, stage hypnotist an inventor and and inventor mentor. I am not a wealthy woman. All of my inventions, trademarks, etc. have been paid for by funds out of my own pocket because what I do is a labor of love and I have looked at my investment in my projects as calculated risks. I understand that the proposed rule changes currently being considered will drastically increase my costs for obtaining a patent, while at the same time restrict the protection I pay for and restrict my ability to manage claims. These changes will affect me, and ALL independant inventors negatively. Quite frankly, if I have to pay these increased fees and if I have my hands tied by the proposed rule changes, I don't know if I would be ab le continue my efforts.

Rather than changing the continuation rules and the limits on claims etc., I recommend that you continue to increase your rate of hiring of examiners and redirect fees to training, salaries, and retention of examiners. When there aren't enough examiners to keep up with the applications, the rate at which potentially life-enhancing innovations reach the market is delayed.

Thank you for working to make the United States Patent system the BEST that it can be.

Sincerely,
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