



June 13, 2011

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

We write to express our support for The America Invents Act, H.R. 1249. This legislation has gone through extensive consideration over the past several years, and we believe the current version as passed out of the House Judiciary Committee represents the best available consensus for promoting patent fairness and strengthening America's patent system.

The America Invents Act takes several steps to ensure a well functioning patent system, including important provisions for providing proper and adequate funding for the PTO. The House Judiciary Committee also made important changes:

- providing prior user rights under the new first-to-file system
- maintaining access to the inter partes re-exam process
- providing useful misjoinder language.

These changes were essential improvements to the bill that must be maintained. We look forward to continued improvements in the bill as it moves forward.

With these provisions in place, the Patent and Trade Office will be better positioned to move the U.S. into the next generation of technological advancement. We look forward to supporting Chairman Smith as the bill comes to the House floor.

Sincerely,

Coalition for Patent Fairness

The Coalition for Patent Fairness is a diverse group of companies and industry associations dedicated to enhancing U.S. innovation, job creation, and competitiveness in the global market by modernizing and strengthening our nation's patent system. Coalition for Patent Fairness members include Adobe, Apple, Cisco, Dell, Google, Intel, Intuit, Micron, Oracle, RIM, SAP, and Symantec.

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