

June 15, 2011

The Honorable Lamar S. Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

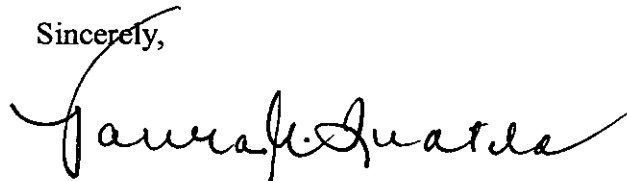
Dear Chairman Smith:

I write to express the strong support of Eastman Kodak Company for H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act of 2011. We commend you for your leadership and recognize that this legislation represents years of effort to modernize our patent system. We believe it makes significant improvements to the patent system, while preserving the strengths that make our system the envy of the world.

Kodak has a long history of innovation, with a legacy of research and development that has enabled Kodak to transform itself to a new digital company. Our role as an innovator, licensor, and manufacturer of high-tech products has enabled us to take a studied, balanced view of this legislation over the years. The current bill meets the critical test of balancing the views of many different stakeholders by stabilizing the funding for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, improving patent quality and enabling us to better compete with the rest of the world.

The Constitution commands that the patent system further the progress of science and the useful arts. We also must keep pace in the knowledge-based economy of the 21st Century. Our spirit of invention, breakthrough innovations and the protection of intellectual property are critical to our competitiveness.

Sincerely,



cc: Members of the House of Representatives