

coalition for
patent fairness



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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Arlen Specter
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairmen Leahy and Conyers, Senator Specter, and Representative Smith:

The Coalition for Patent Fairness and supporters of patent reform believe that enacting comprehensive patent reform during the 111th Congress is critical to creating new jobs and maximizing innovation throughout the United States. Especially in light of the current economic situation, our country and our leading small, medium and large businesses must do everything we can to facilitate creation of the new products and services that will produce more jobs and economic growth. Although the purpose of the patent system is to promote innovation, the numerous hearings held by your two committees over the past five years have demonstrated that some aspects of the system today are in urgent need of reform. President Obama's technology agenda specifically recognizes the important role of the patent system in promoting innovation, and the plan states as a key goal reducing "uncertainty and wasteful litigation that is currently a significant drag on innovation."

Now more than ever we call on you to enact the reforms that will enable the patent system to serve its intended purpose.

The Coalition for Patent Fairness thanks each of you for your leadership and commitment on this issue, and looks forward to continue working with you to achieve meaningful patent reform in the 111th Congress.

Sincerely,

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