

UNITED *for* PATENT REFORM

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Main Street American Businesses Champion Congressionally Created PTO Procedures to Review Invalid Patents

WASHINGTON — *The following statement may be attributed to United for Patent Reform (UFPR), a coalition made up of hundreds of companies from nearly every sector of the U.S. economy:*

“Our members encourage support for critical tools and procedures that help improve patent quality and check patent litigation abuse, such as the Inter Partes Review (IPR) program at the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). A key reform of the American Invents Act (AIA), which passed with bipartisan support in 2011, IPR was intended to restore confidence in our patent system and establish reliable tools to support American businesses confronted with low-quality patent claims.

“IPR has been working fairly and successfully for six years to improve patent quality by allowing the PTO to reexamine poor quality patents, determine whether they should have been granted in the first place, and correct past mistakes. By using IPR to challenge patents that never should have been granted, innovative and job-creating businesses have a chance to defend against unjustified and low-quality patent claims.

“We look forward to working with Director Iancu to maintain vital tools such as IPR and other administrative processes at the PTO that over the past few years have provided reassurance to American companies of all sizes and brought stability to the patent ecosystem.”

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About United for Patent Reform

United for Patent Reform is a broad coalition of diverse American businesses—from national Realtor, construction, and technology businesses to Main Street retail shops, automobile manufacturers, hotels, grocers, convenience stores, and restaurants—pursuing comprehensive solutions to abusive patent litigation. For more information, visit <http://www.unitedforpatentreform.com/> and follow us on Twitter at [@U4PatentReform](https://twitter.com/U4PatentReform).