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Retail/Tech/Main Street Business Coalition Endorses Cotton/McCaskill Plan to Prohibit Sham Immunity Transactions

Washington, DC - United for Patent Reform -- a coalition made up of hundreds of companies from nearly every sector of the U.S. economy -- today endorsed the bipartisan PACED Act introduced by Sens. Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Claire McCaskill (D-MO).

“This narrowly proscribed, bipartisan bill would prevent gamesmanship by patent trolls who try to shield their invalid patents from review by the U.S. Patent Office by purchasing the sovereign immunity of Native American tribes. Programs created by Congress through the America Invents Act to improve patent quality by giving the PTO a chance to review and eliminate invalid patents have been extremely effective in stopping patent trolls from profiting from invalid patents. They should not be able to avoid those programs through loophole deals with Native American tribes. At the same time, the legislation still insures that the U.S. government provides absolute protection to the sovereign rights of the tribes themselves. Sens. Cotton and McCaskill are to be applauded for their leadership on this key intellectual property rights issue.”

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 www.UnitedforPatentReform.com and follow us on Twitter at [@U4PatentReform](https://twitter.com/U4PatentReform).