

# Main Street Needs Commonsense Patent Reform.

## CONGRESS SHOULD PASS THE CLEAR ACT.

The Customer Legal Ease and Relief Act (CLEAR Act) protects businesses of every size from abusive patent litigation — while preserving patent owners' rights. **Urge your representatives to pass this legislation now.**

### The CLEAR Act Has Broad Industry Support

Introduced by Representatives Laurel Lee (FL-15) and Zoe Lofgren (CA-18), the bipartisan CLEAR Act would create uniform rules for patent disputes nationwide and protect businesses from being sued multiple times over the same product. The CLEAR Act preserves patent owners' rights while ending wasteful litigation that targets Main Street businesses instead of the manufacturers actually responsible for product design and production.

### How The CLEAR Act Will Help Main Street

- Prevents duplicative lawsuits** — Courts will stay a patent case against a retailer or end users when the manufacturer is already defending the same product in litigation.
- Preserves patent owners' rights** — Retailers agree to be bound by the outcome of the manufacturer's case, including any damages or injunctions.
- Allows exceptions** — Courts can lift the stay in unusual circumstances where the manufacturer cannot adequately represent the interests at stake.

### What Supporters Are Saying

*"This is a balanced approach to make sure patent disputes involving automotive technology are resolved efficiently with the parties responsible for product design and development." – Hilary Cain, SVP of Policy, Alliance for Automotive Innovation*

*"This legislation will save countless small retailers from being driven out of business by litigation costs alone." – Stephanie Martz, CAO and General Counsel, National Retail Federation*