



October 24, 2007

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Republican Leader McConnell:

Supporters of patent reform and the Coalition for Patent Fairness, an alliance of large and small businesses and associations in the technology, financial services, energy, chemical, manufacturing and media industries, wish to express our strong support for S. 1145, the Patent Reform Act of 2007. This bill will stimulate American innovation, growth and competitiveness by restoring balance to our patent system. In the end, it will benefit all American workers and American consumers.

Some critical aspects of the system have not been updated in more than 50 years and are discouraging investment in innovation and growth, which is denying both workers new, high-skilled job opportunities and consumers access to new, competitive technologies. Patent reform will restore balance to the patent system so that it works well for all Americans.

The Patent Reform Act of 2007 is the product of years of deliberation, dozens of House and Senate hearings, and many more working sessions during which diverse interests have made numerous compromises.

For the last several years, the chorus of those calling for reform has grown louder and clearer. Proponents of comprehensive patent reform include top legal scholars and economists, consumer advocates, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Solicitor General, the National Academy of Sciences, the Council on Foreign Relations, and leading editorial boards – from *The Wall Street Journal* to *The Washington Post*.

Now, after years of study and compromise; of calls to action and careful examination; of a steady drain on our economy and innovation; the time has come to act. With the U.S. House and the Senate Judiciary Committee having passed their respective versions of the Patent Reform Act, we urge the Senate to stand up for America's leading innovators, consumers and workers, and pass the Patent Reform Act of 2007 by the end of the year.

Cc: Members of the United States House of Representatives
Members of the United States Senate

Sincerely,

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