



January 22, 2008

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:

As the second session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress begins, 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, and urge that the bill be scheduled for floor action without delay. This bill will stimulate American innovation, growth and competitiveness by restoring balance to our patent system. In the end, it will benefit both American workers and American consumers.

S. 1145 is the result of years of deliberation, dozens of House and Senate hearings, and more than 150 stakeholder meetings during which diverse interests have made numerous compromises. On July 19, 2007, the Senate Judiciary Committee reported out S. 1145 and the House passed its companion bill (H.R. 1908) in September. The full Senate now has the chance to restore balance to our patent system, allowing innovation to flourish unfettered by the current rules that degrade patent quality and encourage gaming of the system.

For the past 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, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Solicitor General, the National Academy of Sciences, the Council on Foreign Relations, numerous editorial boards and a wide array of businesses both large and small.

After years of debate and compromise, of calls to action and careful examination, the time is now to pass the Patent Reform Act of 2007. We urge you to bring this bill to the floor as soon as possible.

Cc: Members of the United States Senate

Sincerely,

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