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This proposed rule will not only benefit the Patent and Trademark Office, but will help expedite the application process for those seeking patents. Patents are especially valuable in our culture and economy because they encourage innovation and progress. Applying for a patent, however, takes exceedingly longer and longer than it once did. This problem, for some, might hinder any progress and weaken motivation to invent. This proposed rule should further lessen the amount of time patents take to be approved, which ultimately promotes advances in technology and improvement overall.