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General Comment

I strongly oppose changes to the PTAB trials system for the following reasons:

1 - Anyone even dimly following the trade press is aware that patent trolls are a widespread threat to anyone doing business today. These changes will empower patent trolls, who are one step above common criminals and exist solely to extort legitimate businesses. The PTO should be doing everything it can to destroy these parasites, not make their lives easier.

2 - In the wake of the recent election, it is highly inappropriate to be making permanent rule changes in the interregnum before the new administration begins. This reason ALONE should be enough to put a stop to this action.

For these reasons, it is imperative that this rule change be abandoned.