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Comment from Dan Henry.

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## General Comment

I fully support the USI's recommendations on how to improve the PTAB procedures so that they are rendered fair & equitable to all those who actually drive innovation & invention in the USA.

The procedures at PTAB, at minimum, should mirror the procedures established in Article III courts which allow both parties to participate fully and protect the rights of patent owners. The PTAB was established in such a way to favor one group over another which inherently undermines US innovation.

I have spent that last 15 years working with inventors, start ups, universities and small businesses to defend their patent rights and receive fair compensation for its use. This has allowed these groups to re-invest in developing additional innovations. It is well established that the real engine of innovation in the US has been mainly driven by small and independent

inventors.