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## General Comment

The idea that someone or entity can make money and never actually invent, produce or market a product is or should be criminal.

Patent Trolls, as they are commonly known, buy patents from insolvent and financially unstable companies so that they can benefit by charging licensing fees on supposed patent infringers. The patent trolls often have no intention of selling or inventing the products after buying the patents, but they want to make money out of the infringement claims.

Patent trolls are also referred to as 'non-practicing entities' because they never produce anything after all. A person who has the intention of patenting their inventions need to be aware of patent trolls so that they can protect themselves.

Passing legislation that makes it more difficult or impossible for a legitimate business to defend themselves against these unethical blackmailers would be criminal. It would, in all reality, make the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT accessory to robbery and extortion.

Please strengthen laws that make this practice illegal. Profiting from anothers works should be illegal and it is definitely unethical.