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General Comment

Patent Trolls should not be given protection due to removal of Inter Partes Review options. The patent system should protect people or organizations who actually do the inventing and not those who claim to have done it. Even after a patent has issued, there should be some recourse for providing sufficient evidence showing who is indeed the originator of the invention. Please do not inadvertently (or intentionally) aid the bad actors in the system.

I also support traceability of products so that copying of protected designs is globally much more difficult. Blockchain methods may hold the key. This could greatly reduce the workload in trial cases when considering claims of infringement.