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This is a great idea. For small entities, it provides time to develop the invention, raise capital, and keeps the invention out of the public domain for infringers (large companies) to rip off for a little longer. While the USPTO takes no responsibility for the fate of a patented invention in the marketplace once the patent is granted, the reality is that small entities it is nearly impossible to find the resources to fight infringement. Having more time helps, but it doesn't solve this problem.

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