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PATENT REFORM

United for Patent Reform is a coalition that seeks to unite the various industries, individuals and interests harmed by abuses of the current patent system in order to advocate for a comprehensive solution. We encourage you to join our efforts by signing this statement in support of our core principles.

Core Principles

The members of United for Patent Reform have formed a broad coalition of diverse American businesses to pursue comprehensive solutions to abusive patent litigation. Despite the passage of the America Invents Act and several recent positive rulings from the Supreme Court, abuse of our patent system continues unabated. Instead of creating new jobs and investing in new technologies, businesses large and small across many industries—from national realty, construction, and technology businesses to Main Street retail shops, hotels, grocers, convenience stores, and restaurants—continue to be forced to divert scarce resources to fighting frivolous lawsuits and overly broad claims made by Patent Assertion Entities (“patent trolls”). This must change.

As a coalition, we support the strongest possible legislative solution to eliminate or minimize the incentives that encourage abusive patent litigation. The coalition supports the following legislative reforms:

- Require that patent demand letters include truthful, basic information.
- Require patent owners to explain in detail the basis for the alleged infringement when they file a complaint.
- Ensure that claims between a patent owner and a manufacturer proceed before claims between the patent owner and the manufacturer’s end users.
- Make patent litigation more efficient so that weak cases can be dismissed before expensive discovery.
- Require trolls to pay for the discovery they request beyond core documents so that they cannot run up costs just to force a settlement.
- Require that a losing party who brings a frivolous case pay the other side’s attorney’s fees—and make sure they can pay.
- Maintain and improve administrative alternatives to litigation.

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