

THE COALITION FOR 21ST CENTURY PATENT REFORM

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The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform (21C) appreciates the hard work performed by the members and staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee over the past several months to address the problem of abusive behavior in our patent system. We also applaud their patience and willingness to listen to the views of all participants in the debate. Although the various stakeholders worked diligently, and in good faith, unfortunately they have been unable to reach an agreement that would have allowed the legislation to move forward.

The 21C continues to stand ready to work with all stakeholders, and with members and staff of the Senate, and of the House, to achieve balanced, measured and targeted legislative reforms to curb abusive behavior in the patent system in a manner that will not impair the legitimate enforcement of patent rights that are so crucial to our economy and the creation of American jobs. We reiterate that pledge today.

The Coalition has approximately 50 members from 18 diverse industry sectors and includes many of the nation's leading manufacturers and researchers. The Coalition's Steering Committee includes 3M, Caterpillar, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly and Procter & Gamble.

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