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Patent Reform Legislation Marked-up Today in House Judiciary Committee

Washington, D.C. – The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform commends the members of the House Judiciary Committee for making constructive improvements to H.R. 1908, the Patent Reform Act of 2007, during today’s committee mark-up.

The Coalition appreciates the Committee’s adopting a number of improvements in key areas such as post grant review and damages.

While the Coalition continues to have serious concerns regarding the overall impact the bill will have on U.S. patents and the inventions they protect, the progress made by the Committee under the leadership of Chairman Conyers, Subcommittee Chairman Berman and Ranking Members Smith and Coble, and their staffs, to improve the legislation is a positive step.

“The leadership and several members of the Committee recognized that changes to the bill are still necessary and we look forward to working with them to further improve the bill,” said Gary Griswold of 3M. “While there is still much work to do before the Coalition can support the legislation, we are encouraged by the incremental progress made during today’s mark-up.”