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Honorable John Conyers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Lamar S. Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Representatives Conyers and Smith:

I am writing to you today because USW/PACE and other affiliated unions of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO have expressed concerns regarding patent reform legislation that may be considered by the House and Senate in the near future.

In its current state, The Patent Reform Act of 2007, H.R. 1908 and S. 1145 could undermine job creation in America. The concerns are that two aspects of the legislation, the post-patent review process and apportionment of damages, may have a negative impact on innovation and research.

I urge you to revisit the concerns of our affiliates while developing the final version of the Patent Reform Act of 2007, H.R. 1908 and S. 1145.

Sincerely,

  
William M. George,  
President

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