

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515

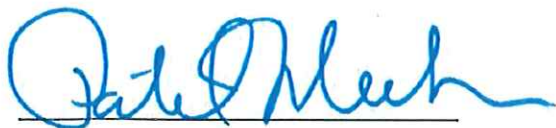
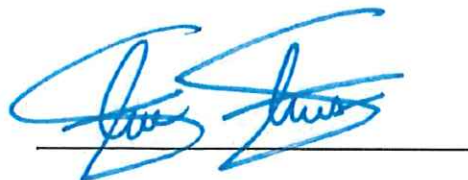
Dear Chairman Goodlatte,

We write to commend your extensive and tireless work in the 113th Congress to protect intellectual property rights and restrict abusive patent litigation. It is no secret that American ideas drive our economy and create jobs, but continued innovation relies on a robust and fair patent system. The framers entrusted Congress with governance over patents expressly because they understood the economic importance of protecting our intellectual property.

We fully recognize that intellectual property rights are only as valuable as the ability to enforce them. Patent "trolls" are increasingly problematic for American business owners and consumers, who ultimately pay higher prices as a consequence of abusive patent lawsuits. We support your efforts to find a bipartisan, common sense solution to this challenge, and appreciate your efforts to work with us to address concerns raised by innovative biopharmaceutical companies and universities who rely on these protections.

We stand ready to continue to work with you on this important issue in the 114th Congress. We believe there is a path forward for the House and Senate to approve common sense reforms to our patent laws that ensure American resources are used to innovate and create jobs, rather than be wasted on abusive litigation. Any approach to reforming patent law should still maintain important incentives for biomedical innovation that support continued investment in the groundbreaking research which yields new therapies and cures for those in need. It is worth noting that one of the enumerated powers vested in Congress is the oversight of patents. A robust patent system will help maintain our position as the world's leader in biomedical research and innovation, and we look forward to working with you on this important mission.

Sincerely,

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