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Yesterday, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Andrei Iancu, a leading expert on patent litigation and intellectual property, as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Alliance of U.S. Startups and Inventors for Jobs (USIJ) applauds Mr. Iancu's confirmation, and USIJ Executive Director Chris Israel issued the following statement:

*"We are pleased that the Senate voted to confirm Andrei Iancu. Mr. Iancu is a qualified candidate who will bring over two decades of experience as one of the country's top intellectual property lawyers to the USPTO.*

*The United States' position as a leader in innovation and intellectual property has declined over the last several years. I am certain that Mr. Iancu's leadership will usher the U.S. patent system back to its former standing, and we look forward to working with the USPTO under his leadership."*

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**About the USIJ:**

The Alliance of U.S. Startups and Inventors for Jobs (USIJ) is a group of nearly 50 startups, inventors, investors and entrepreneurs. Collectively, we have launched dozens of companies in areas including biotechnology, clean energy, medical devices and wireless technology. We invent real things and create real companies. We also rely on the strength of the U.S. patent system to create these companies, breakthroughs and jobs.

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