



Does your startup, research institution, or investment strategy rely on strong and enforceable patents?

Do you support policies that strengthen intellectual property protections, incentives for small inventors, and the American innovation economy?

Would you like to work alongside an influential group of like-minded inventors, venture capitalists, and entrepreneurs to ensure that the United States remains the world's global innovation leader?

If you answered “yes,” join the Alliance of U.S. Startups and Inventors for Jobs!

About USIJ

We are a group of inventors, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and researchers who have come together to safeguard our nation's innovation ecosystem. The research and development that our members pursue has led to breakthroughs in everything from medical devices and drugs to communications technologies, AI, cybersecurity, semiconductors, clean energy, and cloud computing. Our members have founded and financed dozens of companies that have created thousands of jobs.

Our Mission

USIJ advocates for strengthening the U.S. patent system — which enables our members to invent groundbreaking technologies and start revolutionary companies. Patent rights are enshrined in the U.S. Constitution for good reason. A strong patent system is vital for catalyzing life-changing innovation and maintaining America's global economic advantage. We're working to ensure that this system continues to benefit U.S. startups and inventors — and the millions of Americans they employ.

Goals and Objectives

1. Stop Harming the U.S. Patent System

Since its inception, USIJ has been a leading advocate against misguided proposals that endanger IP rights. We have fought proposals that would:

- Expand the federal government's ability to “march-in” and reclaim patents from innovative companies. See *USIJ comments* [here](#).
- Change the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's terminal disclaimer practices to fundamentally alter the role of patents in commercializing new technologies. See *USIJ comments* [here](#).
- Weaken the ability of the International Trade Commission to protect U.S. IP. See *USIJ comments* [here](#).
- Suspend global IP treaty protections. See *USIJ op-ed* [here](#).
- Limit the enforceability of standard-essential patents. See *USIJ comments* [here](#).

2. Start Healing the U.S. Patent System

USIJ has played a critical role in building support for bipartisan reforms that would strengthen America's innovation ecosystem. This includes:

- Reforming the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) to respect patent holders and prohibit abuse like serial attacks on disruptive startups. See [USIJ support for the PREVAIL Act](#).
- Clarifying U.S. patent eligibility law. See [USIJ Senate testimony](#) and [comments](#) in support of the *Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (PERA)*.
- Restoring the presumption of injunctive relief when a court finds patent infringement. See [USIJ support for the RESTORE Act](#).
- Correcting the falsehood that patents cause higher prices. See [USIJ comments here](#).

3. Share Cutting-edge IP Policy Research and Legal Briefs

USIJ publishes in-depth analyses of the most pressing issues and policies that impact U.S. inventors. Through these informative resources, we hope to educate lawmakers, the judiciary, and American workers and consumers about the importance of strong, reliable intellectual property rights.

Seminal USIJ policy and legal analyses include:

- [How "One Bite at the Apple" Became Serial Attacks on High Quality Patents at the PTAB.](#)
- [The Importance of an Effective and Reliable Patent System to Investment in Critical Technologies.](#)
- [USIJ Amicus Brief in Support of American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. in case against NEAPCO.](#)
- [USIJ Amicus Brief in Support of Sonos in case against Google.](#)
- [USIJ Amicus Brief in Support of Amgen in case against Sanofi.](#)
- [USIJ Amicus Brief in Support of Qualcomm in FTC Suit.](#)
- [USIJ Amicus Brief in Support of Oracle in case against Google.](#)