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Senators Coons and Cotton Reintroduce RESTORE Act to Strengthen Patent Protections for U.S. Innovators

Bipartisan legislation aims to restore injunctive relief for patent holders, empowering American startups and growth tech companies.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Tom Cotton (R-AR) reintroduced the Realizing Engineering, Science, and Technology Opportunities by Restoring Exclusive (RESTORE) Patent Rights Act of 2025, a bipartisan bill designed to strengthen protections for American inventors and entrepreneurs by reinstating the presumption of injunctive relief in patent infringement cases.

Chris Israel, Executive Director of The Alliance of U.S. Startups & Inventors for Jobs (USIJ), issued the following statement in support of the bill:

“U.S. policy makers are appropriately focused on supporting America’s “little tech” or “growth tech” companies. The RESTORE Act introduced by Senators Coons and Cotton would return the presumption of injunctive relief in cases where a court has ruled that a patent has been infringed. This is, perhaps, the most impactful thing that can be done to empower American inventors, entrepreneurs and disruptive startups.

The ability to pursue injunctive relief when a competitor infringes a patented invention was the standard in the United States for over 200 years. The Supreme Court moved the goalposts in 2006 and set up a convoluted test that makes it nearly impossible for a growth tech startup to stop the predatory infringement of their intellectual property by larger competitors. This practice has been perfected by Big Tech companies that now routinely ingest the innovations of disruptive competitors knowing that they cannot be stopped.

Patent law and legislation is often complicated. The RESTORE Act is not. It is a clear and unambiguous bill that simply restores balance between large corporations that ingest others’ IP and the startups and entrepreneurs that invent it.

The RESTORE Act will incentivize investment, innovation and startup activity by making patents more reliable and enforceable. True competitors will have the same marketplace options and opportunities that they had for 200 years – invent your own unique technology to compete, and/or license the patented technology you wish to implement. The RESTORE Act simply takes predatory infringement of others’ patented technology off the table as a business model. This is profoundly good for American innovation, investment and competition.”

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About The Alliance of U.S. Startups & Inventors for Jobs:

USIJ is an association of inventors, startups, venture capital investors, entrepreneurs and research organizations whose efforts to bring new companies and new technologies into being are entirely dependent on a reliable system of patent protection. Collectively, we have launched dozens of companies in areas including biotechnology, cybersecurity, AI, semiconductors, medical devices and wireless technology.

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