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## **USIJ Applauds USPTO's Proposed Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Reforms Ahead of House Oversight Hearing**

*WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In advance of the House Judiciary Committee's March 25 USPTO oversight [hearing](#), Chris Israel, Executive Director of the Alliance of U.S. Startups & Inventors for Jobs (USIJ), issued the following statement supporting the agency's [proposed PTAB reforms](#):*

"We commend the USPTO for taking important steps to restore a patent system in which American innovators -- not deep-pocketed infringers -- hold the upper hand.

"Today, large technology companies, including many foreign firms, routinely engage in 'efficient infringement.' This calculated business strategy centers on copying patented inventions and then filing serial, duplicative challenges at the PTAB to wear down smaller competitors with high-cost litigation. Examples of such abuse are well documented:

- **Netlist, Inc.**, a U.S. semiconductor company, has seen nine core patents subjected to dozens of repeat PTAB challenges.
- **Sonos** has faced over 100 challenges, with as many as 10 petitions targeting a single patent.
- **Masimo**, a medical device innovator, has been forced to defend against nearly 30 PTAB challenges in just a few years.
- **Centripetal**, a U.S. cybersecurity company, has faced 30 challenges against just four core patents, including 12 filed by a single company later found by a court to be a willful infringer.

"The USPTO's proposed PTAB reforms, outlined in a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#), represent a much-needed course correction. By requiring challengers to bring their claims in a single forum, preventing repeat attacks on patents that have already been upheld, and denying duplicative proceedings that drive up costs and delay resolution, the NPRM would restore fairness and predictability to the patent system.

"For American startups, inventors, entrepreneurs, and the venture capital investors who back them, these reforms are essential. The USPTO's NPRM would help ensure that patents provide the certainty needed to invent, invest, grow, and hire -- and compete on a level playing field."

*About USIJ: [The Alliance of U.S. Startups and Inventors for Jobs \(USIJ\)](#) is a group of inventors, startup companies, venture capitalists, incubators, and research institutions that have come together in the interest of safeguarding our nation's innovation ecosystem.*