



February 4, 2015

Subject: Request to Reject Anti-Patent Legislation

Heidi Jacobus
Robert Schmidt
Co-Chairmen

To Members of Congress:

Jere Glover
Executive Director

We are writing today to request that you not co-sponsor the pending Goodlatte/Issa Anti-Patent Legislation; and when it comes for a vote, we respectfully request that you vote "No" on this legislation.

Larry Nannis
Treasurer

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) advocates for the 5,000 companies that participate in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. These companies produce 25% of America's most important innovations (R&D 100 Awards) and 58% more patents than all the universities combined. Furthermore, it is the small innovative businesses that create about half the jobs in America.

Kevin Burns
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According to the Federal Reserve, patents are the most important indicator of regional wealth. The more patents a region has, the wealthier the region becomes. The proposed Goodlatte/Issa bill will make it more expensive and more difficult to obtain a patent; and it will put enforcing a patent beyond the financial reach of most small inventors. Thus, there will be fewer patents made by America's independent and small corporate inventors. This will make America poorer, and work to kill the American Dream of creating a new invention as the road to wealth; as small inventors will be priced-out of the inventing business.

Matt Oristano
Joseph Schwartz
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Regional Chair

HR 3309, which passed the House in December 2013, is the basis of the new Goodlatte/Issa bill. This was strongly opposed before by both SBTC, and the much broader National Small Business Association (NSBA). It was also opposed by the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy. You can find our opposition materials at:

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- <http://sbtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SBTCPatentletter2pagecondensedversion.pdf>
- <http://www.nsba.biz/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/NSBA-Letter-in-Opposition-to-the-Innovation-Act-HR-3309.pdf>
- <http://www.nsba.biz/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Patent-Coalition-Letter.pdf>
- <http://www.nsba.biz/?p=7273>
- <http://sbtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Letter-to-Office-of-Advocacy-regarding-Patent-Reform-2-13-2014-final.pdf>
- http://sbtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Advocacy-Letter-to-Senator-Landrieu-3_12_14.pdf
- http://sbtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/R.-Schmidt-written_testimony_HSBC.pdf pages 14-17.
- We also suggest that you view the materials at www.SavetheInventor.com and [#PatentsMatter](https://twitter.com/PatentsMatter).

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We believe that the Goodlatte/Issa Anti-Patent Legislation is bad for small inventors, bad for innovation, bad for America, and bad for job creation. We urge you not to Co-Sponsor this bill, and to vote against it when you can. However, we can support the legislation proposed in the TROL Act, <http://sbtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/SBTC-Letter-to-Speaker-Boehner-Supporting-TROL-ACT-7-22-14.pdf>

Ash Thakker
Phase III Committee
Chair

Sincerely,

Russ Farmer
DCAA Committee
Chair

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Robert N. Schmidt
Small Business Technology Council
Co-Chair

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Jere Glover
Small Business Technology Council
Executive Director