



December 19, 2007

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Republican Leader McConnell:

As the year comes to a close, supporters of patent reform and the Coalition for Patent Fairness—an alliance of large and small businesses and associations in the technology, financial services, energy, chemical, manufacturing and media industries—wish to express our continued support for the Patent Reform Act of 2007 (S. 1145) and urge the bill be scheduled for floor action as soon as the Senate returns in 2008.

The effort to reform our patent laws, and restore a sense of balance to the patent system, so America can continue to lead the world in innovation has been a long one. S. 1145 is the result of years of deliberation, dozens of House and Senate hearings, and more than 150 stakeholder meetings during which diverse interests have made numerous compromises.

Throughout the debate, there has been a groundswell of support from those calling for reform. Proponents of comprehensive patent reform include top legal scholars and economists, consumer advocates, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Solicitor General, the National Academy of Sciences, the Council on Foreign Relations, and numerous editorial boards—from *The Wall Street Journal* to *The Washington Post*.

With the House passing its version of the bill in September, the Senate can now finish the job. Years of debate and compromise, of calls to action and careful examination, have led to this moment: Now is the time to pass the Patent Reform Act of 2007. We look forward to continuing to work with you to move this bill through the Senate early next year.

Cc: Members of the United States Senate

Sincerely,

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