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## **General Comment**

Hello,

I am writing in reference to the PTAB (Patent Trial and Appeal Board). I am a Product Developer, acquiring Intellectual Property rights to newly designed inventions/potential products. I formed my company STEP Ltd., about four years ago.

Would you please amend the PTAB regulations, as such that Small Business owners as myself would be able to maintain Patent Rights to our inventions, without a constant and real threat of large and powerful corporations - in essence stealing away our livelihood.

Best regards,

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