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General Comment

I oppose the U.S. Patent and Trademark Offices proposed regulations changing the nature of PTAB trials., Docket No. PTO-C-2020-0055.

I work in software development, and so I see evidence of the barrier to innovation that terrible patents create. Today, half the patents that are reviewed are found to be invalid at least in part! That's an incredible amount of innovation that is stifled and unfairly penalized because of someone's bogus patent. The current system has major problems; removing an important way of patents being reviewed and invalidated with evidence, is not going to make it better -- it will only lead to more patent trolls.