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## **General Comment**

My understanding is that the current Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office intends to sheperd the enactment of permanent rule changes that would destroy the post-grant patent review system. In particular, it seems to me that the proposed set of new rules would allow the PTAB to discard any IPR petition before a judge had the opportunity to consider and evaluate a challengers evidence.

In my opinion, flawed patent grants burden and add inefficiencies to the U.S. economy as well as stifle innovation. Rather than enacting the proposed rules, the Patent Office should improve the quality of the patents it grants, utilizing the IPR system Congress designed.