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General Comment

I am in support of the proposed adjustment of patent fees. The USPTO must continue to focus on reducing pendency and backlogged applications. Increased fees result in increased revenues, which allow for additional examiners to be hired. An increase in funding for examining allows applications to be processed faster and reduces the current backlog. Further, the focus on increasing up-front fees allows the USPTO to collect fees for the most cost-intensive operations, i.e., search and examination by an examiner. Collecting renewal fees on the back end does not correlate with agency costs.