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This is Esther Chen of Grandview, Missouri, an inventor.

I am writing in support of proposed changes by the USPTO to the claim construction standard for interpreting claims in trial proceedings before the patent trial and appeal board. I feel this is very important to implement a fair and balanced approach, while providing greater predictability and certainty in the patent system. This country was built by small inventors and the playing field must be fair or innovation will be stifled. Patent holders sometimes need help in securing funding from investors. It must be clear to the investor that there is a predictable outcome, or they will place their investment elsewhere.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, Esther