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This is Laura Myers, an inventor and Executive Director of the Inventors Association of Arizona in Phoenix, Arizona. Our group is a member of the umbrella group IGA (Inventors Groups Of America) which supports stronger patent rights.

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 will help patent holders trying to secure funding from investors. It must be clear to the investor that there is a predictable outcome, or they will place their investment elsewhere. This country was built by small inventors and and our groundwork for innovation must not be compromised.

Thank you for your consideration,

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