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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to express my strong support for adoption of the proposed rule to change claim construction standards used in PTAB AIA Trial Proceedings, as published in the Federal Register at 83 Fed. Reg. 21221 on May 9, 2018.

Innovative biotechnology companies like mine rely upon the strength and reliability of their patents, and a fair and predictable system for adjudicating their validity. The implementation of this rule would be an important step towards more balance and predictability in the Inter Partes Reviews (IPR) system.

The proposed rule would help ensure that patent claims have the same meaning, whether they are reviewed by the PTO or by a federal court. This will reduce abusive practices, such as answer-shopping and repetitive litigation by dissatisfied patent challengers. More legal consistency will strengthen the incentives necessary to develop and bring to market the next generation of cures – as well as innovations in sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and a variety of other bio-based products.

I urge the PTO to promulgate the proposed rule as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
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