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I, Thomas M. Adams, am an inventor and also a member of an organization called Alamo Inventors of San Antonio, Texas. This organization has an affiliation with the Inventor Groups of America, a strong proponent of the rights of patent holders and patent applicants.

I hold several patents, both domestic and international. I have monetized one patent and am currently in the process of monetizing three more recent such intellectual properties.

I write this letter in support of proposed changes by the USPTO to the claim construction standard for interpreting claims in trial proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeals Board. There should be no doubt that such changes regarding the standard for claim construction are essential to establish more certain predictability, and thereby make investors more confident with regard to the value of patents.

As you undoubtedly realize, inventors expect predictability, and of course, investors value predictability in assessing the value of a product or process. Recent history shows that, with regard to the PTAB process, the outcomes generally favor those parties with deep pockets and punish the "little guys" such that these latter, feeling that the deck is stacked against them, turn off or ignore the "light bulbs" of creativity that ignite in their imaginations.

Count me as being one of these "little guys." I am saddened to see how the citizens of the United States are losing the fruits of the spontaneous creativity of the individual inventors whose ideas and creations have contributed much to the wealth of this nation and the betterment of life for its people.

I trust that you will give citizen-worthy consideration to my remarks, and I wish you well as you strive to do what is right, proper, and just for inventors, for the United States patent system, and for our country – whose Independence we celebrate on the day of this writing.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Adams