Dear Senator Blumenthal:

I have become aware of this practice of patent trolling and I would
appreciate your looking into it to see what can be done to end this
practice. Patent trolls are nameless and faceless entities that only
stifle innovation and progress by bringing frivolous patent claims and
litigation against the innovators who help create jobs through new
products and technology.   These patent trolls especially impact small
tech companies who can't afford the lawsuits and often times end up
shutting their doors for good or settling to avoid paying legal fees.
The money spent on the litigation process should be spent towards
innovation and developing new ideas.

These lawsuits not only impacts the tech companies but it also affects
companies like mine that provide services and support to the tech
industry. As technology advances, patent reforms must keep up to
protect today's tech industry. Specifically, we need protection from
patent trolls who prey on the success of tech companies. These patent
trolls issue baseless lawsuits against small businesses leaving them
with outrageous litigation costs. In fact last year patent trolls sued
tech companies over 5,000 times. And the cost has reached almost $ $80
billion when all costs are taken in to account.

I look to you and your colleagues in Congress to find solutions to help
small eliminate the threat posed by patent trolls.   Fix the flaws in
our patent system that allow for patent trolls to destroy our country's
smartest and brightest innovators.

I also emailed the the U.S. Patent Trade Office about this issue
because I am concerned

Sincerely,

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