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Subject: Patent Trolling

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 emailing this messgae to the the U.S. Patent Trade Office about this issue because I am concerned

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