



March 11, 2013

Honorable Charles Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

As the founder and CEO of Halcyon Innovation, a company that seeks to provide customized technology solutions to private entrepreneurs, small and medium-sized businesses and startups, I consider my business a part of the growing and vibrant tech community that is fueling the local economy. Founded formally in 2005, the staff of Halcyon Innovation has been in the consulting industry for seven years and has provided top-notch technology solutions. Yet at a time when jobs are hard to come by, our growth potential is being threatened by frivolous patent claims and litigation by patent trolls.

At Halcyon Innovation, we deliver top-notch web & mobile development and social media marketing to a wide array of clients of every size and industry. Our focus is on large-scale retail sites and social networks, but unfortunately, job creators like us are being threatened by frivolous patent claims and litigation by patent trolls.

Patent trolls are nameless and faceless entities that only stifle innovation and progress. Small tech companies 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 to support companies like mine.

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 others. These patent trolls issue baseless lawsuits against small businesses leaving them with outrageous litigation costs. Just last year, patent trolls sued tech companies over 5,000 times. And when all costs are taken in to account the cost has reached almost \$80 billion.

Halcyon Innovation would greatly benefit from comprehensive patent reform that prevents systemic abuse, and it begins by fixing the regulatory flaws that allow patent trolls to destroy our country's smartest and brightest innovators. With your leadership, I hope that your colleagues in Congress will find solutions that make it possible for creative small businesses like Halcyon Innovation to grow and thrive,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Lemster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Lemster
President
Halcyon Innovation, LLC.