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Dave – we haven't spoken in a while, but I have recently become aware of real problem for small business owners that I am hoping the government could help with – "Patent Trolls". Patent Trolls are individuals whose entire business model is predicated on the filing of nuisance lawsuits over patents, which then forces the business or start-up to spend serious time, energy and money fighting the lawsuit. Patent trolls hamper innovation and force small businesses and startups to spend big dollars on legal fees rather than investing directly in their businesses and workforce. Large companies usually have the legal and financial resources to fight these off, but it's the smaller companies that get hurt the most.

Legislation has been introduced in the U.S House to address this issue – it would be great if you could support it.

On behalf of the small businesses in Iowa, thank you.

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