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Dear Senator Blumenthal:

I would like to see Congress take control of the ongoing practice of patent trolling. As you know, the patent troll is a nameless and faceless entity that stagnates innovation and the free enterprise system that has made our nation great.

Patent trolls are relentless in bringing frivolous patent claims and litigation against the truly deserving innovators. Small technology 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.

As technology advances, patent reforms must keep up to protect today's tech industry. Specifically, we need protection from patent trolls who prey on our success. These patent trolls issue baseless lawsuits against small businesses leaving them with outrageous litigation costs.

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 businesses like mine reach success. 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.

Sincerely,

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