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General Comment

The inter partes review process is an essential avenue for challenging frivolous and inappropriate patents. The amount of time a patent examiner has to process a submission is simply not adequate to ensure that all prior art is discovered and specious and obvious claims never make it through. Actual inventors can thus be abused by so-called "patent trolls" who maliciously game this fact, in order to establish de facto extortion rackets. Without the inter partes review process, inventors have no recourse if they are at a financial disadvantage vis a vis such unscrupulous operators. Please keep and fully resource the availability of an inter partes review process so that invalid patents can be challenged without the requirement for expending millions of dollars in litigation costs.