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Dear Senator:

I write to ask you to support an amendment when the senate resumes debate this week on S. 23, a bill to promote patent reform.

The Computer & Communications Industry Association, like others in the technology industry, supports the Risch-Udall floor amendment (no. 130) to S.23, the Patent Reform Act, now being called the America Invents Act. The Risch-Udall amendment strikes harmful changes in S.23, which would restrict the current inter partes process, making it more difficult for the Patent & Trademark Office to reexamine low quality patents. Low quality patents are a problem for the tech industry, leading to costly litigation to address the speed bump to real American innovation and jobs.

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