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**21C STRONGLY SUPPORTS HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE
PASSAGE OF THE “TROL ACT” AS A BALANCED SOLUTION TO STOP BAD FAITH
PATENT DEMAND LETTERS**

(Washington, DC) -- The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform (“21C”) today released a statement strongly supporting the efforts of the Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Michael Burgess, to move forward with the Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters Act of 2015 (TROL ACT) to address bad faith patent demand letters.

“21C strongly supports the TROL Act as a fair and effective solution to put a stop to bad faith demand letters across the nation. As the bill moves through the full Committee, we urge lawmakers to resist amendments which would upset the carefully crafted balance and compromise it reflects,” said Kevin Rhodes, Chairman of the 21C Coalition and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel of the 3M Company.

“The TROL Act represents a targeted and balanced approach to solving this problem that reflects substantial input and negotiations among stakeholders representing multiple industries and business models.”

The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform has more than 40 members from 18 diverse industry sectors and includes many of the nation’s leading manufacturers and researchers. The coalition’s steering committee includes 3M, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Caterpillar, ExxonMobil, General Electric, Procter & Gamble, Johnson & Johnson, and Eli Lilly. For more information, visit <http://www.patentsmatter.com>

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