

THE COALITION FOR 21ST CENTURY PATENT REFORM

Protecting Innovation to Enhance American Competitiveness

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Progress on Patent Reform Bill Encouraging

Fair, Balanced Bill Will Promote Research and Development, Jobs in America

Washington, D.C. – Gary Griswold, Chairman of The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform, released the following statement after today’s mark up of S. 515, The Patent Reform Act of 2009, in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Committee will continue to work on the bill later this week.

“Over the past several days, members and staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee have been working to develop a sound, balanced and fair patent reform bill that will benefit innovators, promote economic growth and expand jobs in America. The compromise amendments outlined today are a major breakthrough and should move the bill towards consensus and, hopefully, ultimate enactment by the Congress. We applaud Chairman Leahy, Senator Specter and Senator Feinstein and their staffs for their untiring efforts to craft constructive compromises on a number of key issues, particularly damages. Our Coalition’s members will be carefully studying the bill language as requested by the Committee, and continue to work with them on technical issues.”

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The coalition has 50 members from 18 diverse industry sectors and includes many of the nation’s leading manufacturers and researchers. The coalition’s steering committee includes 3M, Caterpillar, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly and Procter & Gamble. The coalition has members in a variety of industry sectors including: Aerospace and Defense, Chemical, Computers, Diversified Financials, Diversified Technology, Energy, Food Production, Forest & Paper Products, Health Care, Household & Personal Products, Industrial Equipment, Medical Equipment & Devices, Network & Communications, Payroll Services, Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology, Semiconductors & Electronic Components, and Transportation Equipment.

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