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Support Grows for the Managers' Amendment to S. 515 / Patent Reform Act of 2010

The following statement was released in support of the Managers' Amendment to S. 515, the Patent Reform Act of 2010, as released by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 4, 2010. Chairman Leahy and Senator Sessions today sent a letter to Majority Leader Reid requesting floor consideration of the Managers' Amendment.

This legislation is supported by a broad coalition of more than 100 associations, companies, universities, and small and independent inventors. Supporters include the AFL-CIO, the Association of American Universities, the Biotechnology Industry Organization, the California Healthcare Institute, the Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Intellectual Property Owners Association, IBM, Microsoft, the National Venture Capitalists Association, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and the United Inventors Association.

“The Managers' Amendment to S. 515 will benefit our economy and help create jobs because there is a direct link between a healthy patent system, American innovation and economic growth. As demonstrated by the breadth of the support among Senators signing the letter, this is bipartisan legislation that will energize the economy without adding to the deficit.

The Managers' Amendment to S. 515 will benefit American inventors by making needed reforms to the patent system and strengthen the ability of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to fulfill its mission. We commend Chairman Leahy and Senator Sessions for their letter to Majority Leader Reid calling for floor consideration of the Managers' Amendment and the Obama Administration's support and recognition that these reforms are needed now.

We will continue to support efforts to improve the patent system and unleash the economic power of innovation; now is the time for America to fully harness the benefits of its leadership based on an effective patent system.”

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