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America Invents Act Boosts Innovation and Jobs, Strengthens Patent System

Coalition Appreciates Bipartisan Support in Senate and Looks Forward to House Action

Washington, D.C. – After the U.S. Senate’s overwhelming vote this evening to adopt S. 23, The America Invents Act, Gary Griswold of the Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform released the following statement:

“With the approval of S. 23, The America Invents Act, the U.S. Senate has moved the nation forward in promoting innovation, protecting inventions and enhancing the operations of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The bipartisan leadership of Chairman Leahy, Senators Grassley, Hatch, Kyl, Klobuchar and others, as well as the efforts of the Administration, were instrumental in securing such a strong vote for helping America’s inventors.

As amended, S. 23 answers the call of American innovators because this bill will give the USPTO the tools and funding it needs to process patents in a more effective and efficient way. Accordingly, this legislation will make our nation more competitive in the global marketplace and set in place rules that will benefit the next generation of inventors. It is clear that the 112th Congress wants to promote innovation and create jobs; adoption of S. 23 is a major step forward in achieving these goals. It is very encouraging that the members of the House and Senate have been in discussions on the issue and that the House Judiciary Committee is actively moving ahead with its consideration of patent reform. Our Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with members of the Senate and the House to produce fair and balanced patent reform legislation.”

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The Coalition has approximately 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. Visit <http://www.patentsmatter.com> for more information.