



# The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform

## **21C Welcomes the Introduction of the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2023**

Washington, D.C. - America's leadership in innovation is critically important to the US economy, to global competitiveness and to our national security. Our patent system promotes the creation and development of new technologies that spur economic growth and create jobs.

21C welcomes the introduction of the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act ("PERA") to establish a clear and predictable definition of patentable subject matter in the United States. PERA replaces a thicket of court decisions and reaffirms that inventions or discoveries of any useful process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter may be eligible for patent protection subject to certain enumerated exclusions. PERA excludes from patenting mathematical formulae, purely mental processes, genes as they exist in the human body, natural material as it exists in nature, and processes that are substantially economic, financial, business, social, cultural or artistic. PERA further excludes from patenting processes undertaken by humans in doing business, performing dance moves, offering marriage proposals and the like, or variations thereof that make non-essential references to simply doing such processes on a computer.

In 21C's view PERA strikes the right balance in replacing an unworkable and unpredictable approach where the courts in the United States struggle to determine what is or is not eligible for patenting with one that independent inventors, start-ups, universities, and corporations can use and rely on when deciding to invest their time and resources to invent, develop, and commercialize new technologies and products that benefit society.

PERA is a first of several major reforms that are urgently needed to make the patent system more stable, reliable and fair to all stakeholders. These reforms will strengthen the U.S. patent system by eliminating procedural abuses, expediting patent enforcement and ensuring that all stakeholders will be treated fairly. See [www.PatentsMatter.com](http://www.PatentsMatter.com)

We want to thank Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Chris Coons (D-DE) for advancing the dialog on improvements to our nation's patent laws and we look forward to working with all stakeholders on building a more secure and reliable patent system that advances American innovation.

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The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform represents 18 diverse industry sectors and includes many of the nation's leading manufacturers and researchers. The coalition's steering committee, which is chaired by Philip S. Johnson, includes 3M, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, The Boeing Company, and Raytheon Technologies. For more information, visit <http://www.patentsmatter.com>.