



The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform

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21C Statement on Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2022

Washington, D.C. – The Steering Committee of 21C issued the following statement as a response to Senator Thom Tillis’s legislation:

“21C believes that a strong, predictable U.S. patent system is necessary to the health, prosperity, and long-term success of our country. Unfortunately, however, our patent system is now denying patents to cutting-edge inventions that are routinely granted protection in China, Europe and elsewhere. It is imperative, as a matter of national economic competitiveness in the technologies of the future, that the availability of high-quality, reliable U.S. patent protection be restored.

We are encouraged by the work Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) has devoted to strengthening our patent system through patent eligibility reform. 101 reform is desperately needed to ensure consistent and predictable application of the laws regarding patent validity and to restore patent eligibility to its traditional scope by closing judicially-created loopholes that deny some of our most important and cutting edge U.S. technology innovations the patent protection they deserve.

We are committed to working with Senator Tillis and his colleagues in a bipartisan manner to advance this effort. We look forward to continuing discussions on ways that make the patent system more stable, reliable and fair to all stakeholders.”

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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, and The Boeing Company. For more information, visit <http://www.patentsmatter.com>.