

Briefing on H.R. 3309, the Innovation Act
Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.
2226 Rayburn House Office Building

Dear Colleague:

We write to encourage you and your staff to attend an important briefing on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in 2226 Rayburn House Office Building. A wide range of organizations will explain their concerns about H.R. 3309. They will also be available to answer any additional questions.

Numerous groups have raised concerns about the bill including the Judicial Conference; the American Bar Association; the American Intellectual Property Law Association; the Patent Officers Professional Association; the American Association of Universities; the Biotechnology Industry Association; the Coalition for Twenty-First Century Patent Reform; the Innovation Alliance; the American Association for Justice; the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association; the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; the National Association of Patent Practitioners; and the National Bankruptcy Conference.

The briefing participants will include:

- **David Kappos**, Former Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- **Q. Todd Dickinson**, Executive Director, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- **John Vaughn**, Executive Vice President, Association of American Universities
- **Robert Budens**, Patent Office Professional Association (POPA)
- **Brian Pomper**, Executive Director, Innovation Alliance
- **Gary Lauder**, Managing Director, Lauder Partners (a venture capital firm)
- **Michael Baxter**, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP, Conferee, National Bankruptcy Conference
- **Hayden Gregory**, Consultant, Intellectual Property Law, Governmental Affairs Office, American Bar Association (ABA)
- **Jim Edwards**, Washington Representative, Eagle Forum

This timely briefing will provide a valuable opportunity for you and your staff to obtain useful information as we prepare for the floor debate on this bill. For more information, please visit the House Judiciary Committee Democrats website at <http://democrats.judiciary.house.gov/> or direct any questions to the Judiciary Committee Democratic Staff at 5-6906.

Sincerely,

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