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November 7, 2013

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

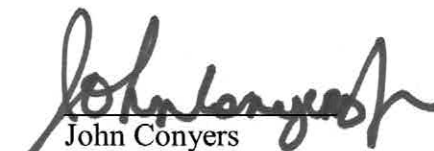
Given the importance of the patent system to American job growth and economic prosperity, we respectfully request that an additional hearing be held to further study the text and impact of H.R. 3309, the "Innovation Act".

The American patent system serves as a critical tool for economic and technical innovation and progress in our country and around the world. We thank you for your leadership in developing legislation aimed at increasing transparency and accountability in that system. The impact of the proposed legislation will be profound. As such, many Americans who will be affected by it—from individual inventors to federal judges to investors in the nation's largest corporations to small businesses—continue to express strong opinions about its merits. We believe, therefore, that an additional hearing is necessary to give these stakeholders time to fully voice their concerns and to give members of the Committee more time to thoroughly examine the important issues at play.

We support a balanced, common-sense approach to protecting innovation and making the patent system work better for all Americans, and we ask that the Committee schedule another hearing in order to consider additional viewpoints before voting on legislation that will affect this vital part of the American economy. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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November 7, 2013



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