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Dear Professor Shane:

Thank you for the information you shared with my staff recently regarding the impact of proposed changes in patent law - specifically, the creation of a post grant review process and modification of the existing inter partes reexamination process.

I am writing to ask if you would consider preparing a brief paper on this topic. I believe such a paper would provide significant insights to policymakers involved in the patent debate and would be well received.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. My staff point of contact on this issue is Joe Matal, Republican General Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee at (202) 224-5225.

Very truly yours,



Jeff Sessions
United States Senator

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