

Dear Senator Boxer or Feinstein

I am writing to express my concern over the current Patent "Reform" Legislation in Congress.

If passed, Senate bill S.515 will have a serious impact on the economic prosperity of California magnified by its impact on Silicon Valley. Californians have a unique gift of creative thought, and this talent has helped make our nation one of the most economically and technically advanced in the country. While outsourcing of labor has plagued the nation, the current patent system has protected the power of innovation that has kept California jobs in California. As our nation begins to slip into economic uncertainty, the stability of our economy will surely be gone if we cede the power to protect our creativity and innovations through patents. The proposed Patent Legislation does just that, in an attempt to reduce so called perceived abuse, this bill unfortunately takes the drastic step of reducing patent protection. This bill also completely fails to take into consideration the major changes implemented by the Supreme Court over the last few years, the impact of which much less the "intended" consequences are not yet understood.

There are changes that need to be made, but destroying the protection of an effective patent system will accomplish nothing but make it harder for the Californian inventor and entrepreneur to protect their ideas and attract the financing necessary to create jobs.

While I oppose this bill in its current form, I do recognize and urge the need for true Patent Reform. The most effective path to reach true reform is for Congress to support the operation of the existing system by providing the adequate funding necessary for the effective operation of the USPTO. As a Senator from a state that has little to gain but much to lose from this legislation, it is essential that you show support for stronger patent laws, and opposition for the current bill that does nothing but weaken the patents and add more bureaucracy to an already bloated system.

I appreciate your urgent attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen