

Frank Cullen

I'd like to introduce myself, Frank Cullen. I'm the executive director for the Council for Innovation Promotion. We have two fantastic co-chairs, first, let me introduce David Kappos. David Kappos is, as you all know, former USPTO director. And Andrei Iancu, also former USPTO director. And Andrei and Dave were the driving force behind creating C4IP. So with that, I'd like to invite Andrei Iancu up to say a moment or two of brief words, and then we have some very special guests we'd like to introduce you to. So, Andrei.

Andrei Iancu

Thank you, Frank. And thank you for everything you do to run this organization. Frank is a constant professional. Thank you, all of you, for coming to our one-year anniversary. I remember so well our launch event a year ago up on the roof at this exact same place. The whole point of C4IP was [that] Dave, and I started this in order to have a bipartisan organization that's dedicated to making sure that everyone understands, the public or policymakers, the inextricable link between a robust innovation economy and [a] strong intellectual property system. One cannot happen without the other, and everything we do is to make sure we drive home that point. And with that in mind, we have a few really special guests here tonight that really embody what we think are the best and the brightest on Capitol Hill -- who really appreciate these issues and have taken them to heart.