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Let me just start with Congressman Ben Cline from Virginia. He is a great supporter of intellectual property. Prior to doing this, he worked for Congressman Goodlatte, also from the same district, and when I was the [USPTO] Director, I interacted quite a bit with Congressman Goodlatte and, back then, Ben. So, with that in mind, Congressman Cline, please.

Rep. Ben Cline

Well, thank you. It's obvious that everybody is out searching for an issue that attracts bipartisan support these days, right? And I think intellectual property is that issue. It's good to see my colleagues: Congressman Kiley, Congressman Ivey, both of whom are on the intellectual property subcommittee. As was said, I had the honor of having as my mentor Congressman Goodlatte -- former Congressman, former [subcommittee] chairman Goodlatte -- and got to know Peter Krug and many others during that time. I gained such a respect for the value of intellectual property, the role of intellectual property in our economy, and the necessity for protecting those intellectual property rights and making sure that intellectual property continues to be the driver of our economy...[making sure] the innovation, the creativity that is the American ethos is alive and well in our intellectual property system and in the laws that we pass to continue to encourage that system. So it's great that I could be with you to celebrate one year of C4IP, and I look forward to many years of success to come. Thank you all very much.