



The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform

21C Welcomes the Reintroduction of the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act

Washington, D.C., May 1, 2025 – 21C welcomes the bicameral, bipartisan introduction of the *Patent Eligibility Restoration Act* (PERA) and thanks Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Chris Coons (D-DE), as well as Representatives Kevin Kylie (R-CA) and Scott Peters (D-CA), for their continued leadership on patent eligibility reform. PERA will override recent Supreme Court decisions that have been misinterpreted to exclude critical inventions from patent protection under Section 101 of the Patent Act, introducing instead a simpler, more objective approach to defining patentable subject matter.

Effective reforms to our patent laws, as outlined in PERA, will significantly boost private sector investment in innovation, spurring economic growth and competitiveness, benefiting society, and protecting U.S. national security. PERA will ensure that groundbreaking advancements in medical diagnostics and lifesaving treatments, traditional manufacturing, software development, and even the most dynamic technologies considered critical to national security and competitiveness – including artificial intelligence, 5G, and quantum computing – earn patent protection. In addition, the bill will prevent overreach, safeguard genuine innovation, and promote fair competition by excluding from patent eligibility fundamental concepts that do not result from human ingenuity. This includes mathematical formulae, certain economic or social processes, genes as they exist in the human body, and natural materials as they exist in nature.

In 21C's view, PERA strikes the right balance by replacing an unworkable and unpredictable approach with one that the entire inventor ecosystem can use and rely on to protect their inventions and drive breakthroughs and societally beneficial inventions, while including important safeguards to ensure that fundamental concepts and natural materials remain freely available for public use. 21C looks forward to continuing to work with the bill's sponsors to achieve PERA's passage.

In particular, 21C applauds PERA's sponsors for promptly reintroducing PERA. This legislation represents a significant step forward in clarifying patent eligibility while maintaining necessary standards on what is ultimately patentable. These clarifications will ensure that the United States remains the most attractive place in the world to invest, invent, and grow. See www.PatentsMatter.com.

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