



June 16, 2025

Senator Thomas Tillis
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Christopher Coons
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Biocom California Support for S.1546 - Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2025

Dear Senators Tillis and Coons,

Biocom California writes to express our strong support for S.1546 - Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2025.

Biocom California is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector, which includes biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, genomics, and diagnostics companies of all sizes, as well as research universities and institutes, clinical research organizations, investors, and service providers. Biocom California drives public policy initiatives to positively influence the state's life science community in the research, development, and delivery of innovative products and technologies that improve health and quality of life. California's life sciences industry generates over \$414 billion in annual economic output, supports 1.24 million jobs, and produces \$128.6 billion in labor and sole proprietor income¹.

The bill would reform 35 U.S.C. § 101. to provide clearer guidelines on what constitutes patentable subject matter, thus restoring predictability to what qualifies for patent protection. By removing vague judicial exceptions and reaffirming what is eligible, the bill provides much-needed clarity to U.S. patent eligibility law. This strengthened framework will enhance incentives for research and development, especially in cutting-edge fields like artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and medical diagnostics, and will further help to ensure that our patent system continues to drive innovation and attract investment across all areas of technology.

With the clarity provided by PERA, innovators have a greater opportunity to help ensure that breakthroughs made in the lab can advance to benefit patients. Strong, reliable intellectual property protections are crucial for fostering continued medical progress and turning research into real-world solutions. This clarification would be particularly valuable for U.S.-based startups and early-stage innovators, by offering the clarity needed to secure investment for new ventures in critical fields like medical devices, diagnostics, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

In our current climate, where the U.S. is striving to maintain its leadership in innovation, a clear and reliable patent system is essential to ensure promising discoveries aren't stalled or abandoned but instead have a clear path to development and impact.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support on behalf of our members and thank you for your consideration. Please contact Biocom California's Federal Advocacy Manager, Megan Kastner, at mkastner@biocom.org for additional information or questions. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this matter.

Sincerely,
Tim Scott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Scott", written over a horizontal line.

President & CEO
Biocom California

¹ Biocom California 2024 Economic Impact Report Databook. <https://www.biocom.org/eir/>

