

May 1, 2025

Senators Chris Coons and Thom Tillis
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Coons and Tillis:

On behalf of the Bayh-Dole Coalition, I would like to reaffirm our support for the bipartisan, bicameral *Promoting and Respecting Economically Vital American Innovation Leadership (PREVAIL) Act* and the *Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (PERA)*. These bills would strengthen the U.S. patent system and uphold the principles of the Bayh-Dole Act, which provides the legal framework for turning federally funded research into real-world inventions.

As you may recall from our [previous letter](#), the Bayh-Dole Coalition is a group of innovation-oriented organizations and individuals committed to celebrating and protecting the Bayh-Dole Act, as well as informing policymakers and the public of its many benefits. Because the success of Bayh-Dole depends on a robust and stable patent system, the PREVAIL Act and PERA are essential to restoring clarity and fairness where it has eroded -- ensuring that publicly funded discoveries continue to attract investment, drive progress, and deliver value to the American people.

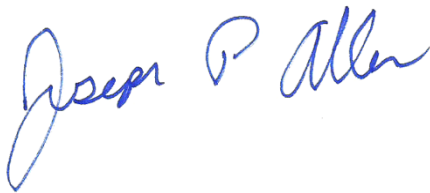
The [PREVAIL Act](#) addresses persistent issues at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), which currently permits repetitive challenges against innovators' patents. By restoring procedural fairness and limiting duplicative challenges, PREVAIL would provide [critical protections](#) for university inventors and other small entities, helping ensure that federally funded breakthroughs can progress from lab to market.

[PERA](#) addresses another foundational concern: the uncertainty around which types of inventions are eligible for patent protection. From life-saving diagnostic tools to AI-driven technologies, entire categories of cutting-edge innovation remain mired in ambiguity. PERA would [restore](#) much-needed clarity to eligibility standards, empowering researchers

and investors to pursue breakthroughs that often originate in public research institutions and are vital to national competitiveness.

Together, these legislative efforts would reinforce the pillars of American innovation by ensuring that our patent system empowers, rather than obstructs, inventors. We commend the Committee's leadership in advancing these important reforms and urge you to preserve their core provisions, as the strength of our innovation economy depends on it.

Sincerely,



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