



Information Technology Industry Council

December 3, 2013

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3309, the “Innovation Act”

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

On behalf of the members of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), I write to express our support for HR 3309, the “Innovation Act.” Your legislation represents a positive step forward in developing policies that reduce the incidence of abusive litigation by patent trolls. ***Given the importance of this issue to the high-tech community, we will consider scoring votes in support of final passage of the Innovation Act in our 113th Congressional Voting Guide. Similarly, we will also consider scoring votes on amendments that would undermine key reforms included in the Innovation Act.***

ITI is the premier advocacy and policy organization for 53 of the world’s leading information and communications technology companies, including computer hardware and software, internet services, and wireless networking companies. With significant patent portfolios tied to numerous goods and services sold around the world, many of our member companies are all too often forced to divert considerable resources toward defending themselves against abusive and expensive lawsuits. These costly lawsuits are a tax on innovation and a drain on our nation’s judicial resources as well as the economy.

On behalf of ITI’s member companies, I thank you for your leadership and continued bipartisan efforts on this critical issue. Recognizing that more work is needed after the House acts, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in both the House and Senate to enact patent litigation reform legislation that promotes innovation, preserves and promotes access to justice, and prevents the waste and abuse of public and private sector resources.

Sincerely,

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

Dean C. Garfield
President & CEO

Cc: Members of the House of Representatives