

June 28, 2011

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510


Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of Corning Incorporated, I write to urge you to consider adoption of the recently-passed House version of the America Invents Act (H.R. 1249).

H.R. 1249 incorporates most of the provisions developed by the Senate earlier this year in S. 23, the Senate's version of this legislation. H.R. 1249 has been endorsed by the Obama Administration and many stakeholder companies and organizations. Corning believes H.R. 1249 is a good and acceptable product which will bring needed changes to U.S. patent law. In order to quickly capture the benefit of the policies agreed upon by both chambers of Congress, we encourage you to support H.R. 1249 without further modification and move it to the president's desk at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your diligent efforts on patent reform over the past several years. We appreciate your resolve in this critical policy area and look forward to working with you on this and other matters of importance to the nation in the future.

Sincerely,



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General Intellectual Property Counsel

cc: Leader Reid  
Leader McConnell  
Members of the Senate