



June 1, 2011

The Honorable Lamar Smith
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

Facebook would like to thank you for the considerable time and effort you have spent on H.R. 1249, the American Invention Act. Your leadership has been instrumental in achieving significant improvement over the Senate version of the bill.

In particular, we applaud your efforts to lengthen the time frame in which a party can file an inter partes challenge to one year after the start of the litigation, as well as the addition of language providing for prior user rights. Because of the important changes to H.R. 1249, we are pleased to offer our support for this bill. We look forward to seeing it passed with these key changes in place.

We again thank you for your efforts and remain available to help in any way we can to assist the passage of this bill or make further improvements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Ulyot".

Ted Ulyot
VP & General Counsel
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