

GROWING SUPPORT FOR THE LEAHY-SMITH AMERICA INVENTS ACT

PROMOTING AMERICAN INNOVATION, CREATING AMERICAN JOBS, GROWING AMERICA'S ECONOMY

Support is growing for Senate passage of H.R. 1249, the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, which passed the House of Representatives with more than 300 votes. A well functioning, efficient patent system is critical to American invention and innovation. The America Invents Act is the product of six years of consideration in Congress, and would make the first significant reforms to the nation's patent system in nearly 60 years. Enacting the America Invents Act will help bolster economic development, sustain American innovation, and protect American jobs. The America Invents Act includes many provisions adopted by the Senate in March when the Senate passed S. 23 by a vote of 95-5.

Support from the Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform

The Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform is a diverse group of nearly 50 global corporations including 3M, Caterpillar Inc., General Electric, Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson.

"We urge you to work with the leadership of the Senate to bring H.R. 1249 to the Senate floor as soon as the Senate's schedule might permit and **pass the bill as is**. Our coalition believes that this legislation will fully modernize our patent laws. Indeed, it will give the world the first truly 21st century patent law – creating patentability standards that are transparent, objective, predictable and simple in their application...We believe the time has come for the Senate to take the final legislative act required for enactment of these historic reforms." – [June 24, 2011](#)

Support from the Coalition for Patent Fairness

The Coalition for Patent Fairness is a diverse group of companies and industry associations dedicated to improving the nation's patent system. Members include Adobe, Apple, Cisco, Dell, Google, Intel, Intuit, Micron, Oracle, RIM, SAP, and Symantec.

"After years of effort, both houses of Congress have now successfully passed patent reform by impressive margins...The Coalition for Patent Fairness supports Senate acceptance of H.R. 1249 as passed by the House...**H.R. 1249, as passed, offers us a chance of consensus and we believe it should be passed and signed into law.**" – [June 27, 2011](#)

Support from American University and Education Associations

The Association of American Universities, the American Council on Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the Association of University Technology Managers, and the Council on Governmental Relations support enactment of H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act.

"We write on behalf of six university, medical college, and higher education associations to encourage you to work with the leadership of the Senate to bring H.R. 1249 before the Senate as soon as possible for a vote on passage of the bill as is...We very much appreciate the leadership of the Senate Judiciary Committee in crafting S. 23...These bills represent the successful culmination of a thorough, balanced effort to update the U.S. patent system, strengthening the nation's innovative capacity and job creation in the increasingly competitive global economic environment of the 21st century. **Senate passage of H.R. 1249 will assure that the nation secures these benefits.**" – [June 27, 2011](#)

Support from Independent Inventors

Louis Foreman is the CEO of Eventys and Edison Nation. An independent inventor, Foreman has been a vocal supporter of the America Invents Act.

"As an independent inventor and someone who has personally interacted with thousands of other independent inventors and entrepreneurs, we urge you to work with the leadership of the Senate to bring H.R. 1249 to the Senate floor as soon as the Senate's schedule might permit and **pass the bill as is**...It will give independent inventors and entrepreneurs the speed and certainty necessary to go out and commercialize their inventions, start companies, and create jobs." – [June 25, 2011](#)