

Summary of Comments on the ANPRM: Voices Supporting Small and Local Business

Local chambers and business associations

[Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce](#) in California's San Fernando Valley

"It's time for the patent office to return to the drawing board and develop real guidance to protect American businesses everywhere."

[New Hampshire Retail Association](#), representing more than 700 New Hampshire retailers

"We ask that you reconsider the ANPRM, so that New Hampshire's retail community can continue to rely on established patent law as created by Congress."

[Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce](#), representing more than 1,100 businesses across the South Placer region of California

"Our members rely on the Patent Trials and Appeal Board (PTAB)'s review process to invalidate patents that never should have been issued in the first place."

[Tweedy Mile Association](#), a California non-profit focused on the downtown revitalization of South Gate

"The uncertainty created by the ANPRM has small businesses like our members concerned and wary of what the future will look like."

Local elected officials

[State Senator Debra Altschiller](#) of the 24th District in New Hampshire

"Our growing businesses and entrepreneurs should be focused on serving our community – not responding to demand letters from out of state trolls. If the Patent Office moves forward with these proposed rules, businesses in our state will face greater threats."

[State Representative Teddy Reese](#) of the 140th District in Georgia

"If these changes go through, local businesses here in Georgia would almost certainly be faced with an even greater barrage of lawsuits from patent trolls."

[Councilwoman Toyia Tucker](#) of the Columbus, Georgia, City Council; founder and former Vice President of Governmental Affairs of the River Valley Black Chamber of Commerce

"The money these businesses use to settle with patent trolls could have been better spent on raising the salaries of their staff or increasing spending directed toward growing their business."

Small businesses and unions

[Roof Off Entertainment](#), an entertainment booking company in Las Vegas, Nevada

"It is clear that patent trolls have harmed far too many businesses here in Nevada."

[Wild West Strategies](#), a consulting business in Nevada

"The last thing small businesses like mine – and the ones I work with – need is the risk and uncertainty that these rules would create."

[Laborers Local 976](#) in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, representing workers in the construction and energy industries

"If industries lose access to the IPR process, jobs and wages could be at risk."

For additional background, see detailed [comment summary](#) from Unified Patents