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This is Eric Strautman, an aspiring inventor and US citizen.

I'm writing to express my support for changes to the claim construction standard for interpreting claims in trial proceedings before the patent trial and appeal board.

If the change doesn't happen inventors will be harmed in the following ways:

- 1) A deep pocketed person/entity can basically, force someone with less resources to submit to whatever the deep-pocketed person/entity asserts; no matter the validity of any patents involved!
- 2) Potential investors in a patent may be reluctant to invest because the current method of evaluating an alleged infringement allows too much wiggle room for interpretation, making the outcome far less predictable.

Patent issue should have strict standards, and those standards should be sufficient for purposes of determining the outcome of a patent infringement allegation. Those that judge such cases should NOT be given freedom to "re-interpret" the scope of the patent's claims, AS IS NOW THE CASE, because that opens the door wide for "**PATENT BULLYING**," which harms our patent system.

Sincerely,

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