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This is Thomas Lockwood, Jr, having an interest in inventions and have attended their meetings. Columbus Phenix city Inventors Association is a member of the umbrella group IGA (Inventors Groups Of America) which supports stronger patent rights.

I am writing in support of proposed changes by the USPTO to the claim construction standard for interpreting claims in trial proceedings before the patent trial and appeal board. I know it is very important to implement a fair and balanced approach, while providing greater predictability and certainty in the patent system. This is critical to help patent holders trying to secure funding from investors. It must be clear to the investor that there is a predictable outcome, or they will place their investment elsewhere. This country was built by small inventors and the playing field must be level or innovation will be shuttered, as will our economy and destroy the dreams of inventors everywhere.

Thank you for your consideration,

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