



Conservatives  
for  
Property Rights

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The Honorable Danny Davis  
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Dear Congressmen Davis and Gosar:

Conservatives for Property Rights (CPR), a coalition of policy organizations representing tens of thousands of Americans, is most pleased to endorse the Inventor Rights Act. Thank you for your leadership and advocacy on behalf of the American inventor and patent property rights.

U.S. patents traditionally secured private property rights to inventors. Congress and the courts, especially the U.S. Supreme Court, have weakened these property rights. The associated private property rights — exclusivity and the ability to enforce patent property rights, most particularly — made America the most inventive, creative nation on earth. These property rights have steadily been hollowed out. While large inventive companies have suffered under these lost property rights, the independent inventor has acutely felt the harmful effects.

The Inventor Rights Act begins to restore some of these patent property rights for inventors themselves. First, this legislation assures the patent owner who is also the inventor that any patent validity challenge will take place in an Article III court unless he or she agrees to an administrative proceeding at the Patent and Trademark Office. Second, this bill undoes the disadvantageous tilting of the legal playing field against inventors, in terms of selecting the venue to enforce one's patent, that the U.S. Supreme Court caused in its *T.C. Heartland* ruling. Third, the bill provides presumptions of irreparable harm from patent infringement and of willful infringement by a sophisticated infringer, thus strengthening property rights and rectifying the *eBay* ruling's barriers to obtaining injunctive relief, even after having proven patent infringement. Fourth, straightforward rules for assessing damages and attorney's fees in inventor-owned patent infringement cases are provided. In short, the Inventor Rights Act would bolster inventors' property rights.

CPR applauds the Inventor Rights Act and looks forward to working with you to advance this worthwhile legislation.

Respectfully,

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