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Comment on the U.S. Supreme Court's Ruling in the Case of *Oil States v. Greene's Energy Group*

(Washington, D.C., April 24, 2018) — The following statement may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, <u>Conservatives for Property Rights</u>:

"We are disappointed that the Supreme Court ruled that the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) is constitutional in another move that further weakens our patent system and continues the Court's trend of harming our once great patent system.

"While we are pleased that the majority opinion emphasized that this ruling is a narrow one and should not suggest that patents are not property, we still fear that this ruling will continue to erode the constitutional protection of property rights and degrade our patent system.

"This decision makes clear that it's time for Congress to step in and take action to eliminate or seriously reform the PTAB system through legislation such as the STRONGER Patents Act."