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My name is Chris J. Shankland aspiring inventor.

I am writing in support of proposed changes by the USPTO to the claim construction standard for interpreting claims regarding proceedings before the patent trial and appeal board. I believe it is extremely important to implement a balanced and fair approach, while providing predictability and certainty in the patent system. This will help patent holders trying to procure funding from investors. It must be clear to the investor that there is a predictable outcome, or they will make their investments elsewhere. This country was built by small inventors and the playing field must be level or innovation will be stifled, as will our economy. Please stand with the voters and small inventors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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