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My name is Melissa Brantley, and I am an inventor supporting 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 feel this is very important to implement a fair and balanced approach, while providing greater predictability and certainty in the patent system. This will 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 the world.

Thank you for your consideration,

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