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Hello,

I retired from full time employment 6 years ago and have been working on several products with plans to patent them. For the last three years I have been designing innovative wind farm design. I received a patent on the design a couple of years ago and have continued to evolve the design. A improvement received approval of a CIP about 3 months ago and since then I filed a second CIP which is in process. My current design would be easily copied by a large wind turbine manufacturer or a wind farm operator or developer. I do not have the financial resources to defend my patents from a single or multiple challenges at the PTAB. Currently my design is protected by the wind industry's reluctance to accept innovative concepts and belief that it is too costly. But after the costs are shown to be competitive, it will be subject to multiple challenges.

The design allows adding 50% or more capacity to an existing wind farm and half the footprint for a new wind farm. It is best suited to onshore wind farms, but is likely less competitive offshore. The design can make a significant impact on the US reaching its climate goals.

Because I do not have faith in the value of US patents, I filed a PCT shortly after my first patent was approved. The PCT found no prior art, so I filed in a few foreign countries, including China which protects patents better than the US. After I filed the second CIP I filed another PCT as I am counting on protection by foreign patents, not US patents.

My design will be especially useful for onshore applications because the transportation logistics for very large capacities are practical. The current trend by wind turbine OEMs is larger and larger diameters, which are only possible offshore.

I fully support the comments submitted by the US Inventor organization. An engineering cost study is underway; if it proves the costs of my design are competitive, my patent will likely be challenged. Another reason I filed in multiple foreign countries is that if I had patents in several other countries, hopefully that will make it more difficult to invalidate my patent.

While the small claims court is important for me, it is more important for the USA. Failure to reward individual inventors and small companies will continue to degrade our creativity and innovation. Large companies are poor innovators and disruptive technologies are a threat to their business success. They are driven by value to their shareholders and executives, not what is best for the country or citizens. They sometimes withhold disruptive ideas they developed that would benefit the country, but would reduce the

demand for their current products.

I urge the USPTO to create a small claims court.

Kind Regards,  
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