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I am a small business owner in Wyoming. I have two products that I have designed that are worthy of patents. Under the previous system of first to invent, I would have already commenced selling my products. One is for recreational vehicles. The other is for aiming antennas at a moving drone or satellite. Selling them before obtaining a patent would have allowed me to see if sales would be good enough to merit applying for a patent and spending the required money.
I don't have the money available to risk getting a patent if the items are not going to sell well enough. So, I not selling the items and having to lose the income they would provide.

I also am aware that other countries don't respect our patents. We have free trade with these countries. So, they can steal my ideas via the patent office and put my out of business by making the items cheaper than I can. Our government is not protecting our country's business from this activity. This is a major injustice and shows that our government must have some other agenda in this matter. The agenda is certainly not what it should be which is protecting the US economy and the small businesses of the US.

Lastly for a good understanding of the damage patent trolls are doing to businesses, I recommend the following website detailing the problems the patent trolls are causing SparkFun Electronics: https://www.sparkfun.com/news/3917.

Sincerely,
Tim

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