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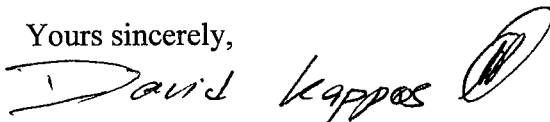
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Dear Chairmen Goodlatte and Coble, Ranking Members Conyers and Watt,

I write to thank you for conducting a very productive hearing on H.R. 3309 earlier this week, and for inviting me to testify before your Committee. Thank you also for the time and energy you are committing to improving our nation's patent system, which truly is the best in the world and can be made even better through your efforts. Based on the questions and comments made during the hearing, I believe common ground exists on a number of issues. I continue to recommend a cautious, deliberative approach, affording your Committee the time to find that common ground, to the benefit of all stakeholders in our patent system. And I would like to continue working with the Committee to find that common ground on key provisions including fee shifting, stays, and judicial procedures.

Yours sincerely,


David Kappos