

**OPPORTUNITY: *Tell our Leaders to Remove Federal Support for Planned  
Obsolescence.***

**A MANDATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Patent law is provided for a public benefit; and should not be used to limit that same public benefit. A patent purpose is “realized” when a product is commercially offered for public sale or consumption, with advertisement to intended customers, and with subsequent sales for a period exceeding one year.

My congressional representatives will modify or replace our patent laws to allow for abandonment of patents. Once the purpose of Patent protection is realized, and then interrupted by an intentional act, or failure to act, by the patent holder, then any legal person can provide proof of abandonment. On verification, the US Patent Office will declare the patent “abandoned,” putting the product in the public domain.

This shall apply to all patents in existence at the time of the passage of this legislative change, but with a grace period of one year during which patent holders may choose to support their abandoned inventions.

My representatives will modify our patent laws to recognize “abandonment of patent” as an effective defense against all suits at law for damages or royalty payments that are based on the granting of patents. The Patent Office shall recognize and give full credit and effect to all findings of abandonment in Federal courts, and may recognize such findings when received from state courts of proper jurisdiction.

***(Please circle the responses that best represent you)***

***I, as a citizen of the United States speaking to my government leaders***

Direct this action.

Support this action.

Do not support this action.

***I, as a citizen entitled to representation ( am / am not ) willing to volunteer some of my personal time and effort to further this cause .***

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