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Mr. Danny Seigle
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Dear Mr. Seigle:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Thursday, November 14, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "The Impact of Patent Assertion Entities on Innovation and the Economy."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Monday, December 23, 2013. Your responses should be mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to brittany.havens@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable G.K. Butterfield

1. Mr. Seigle, it is clear that patent assertion entities often target startup companies.
 - a. How have abuses in patent assertion impacted the way you and your startup peers think about owning patents?
 - b. How have those abuses impacted the ability of startups to gain investors and venture capital funding?