

## THE COALITION FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PATENT REFORM

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### Bipartisan Efforts Move Strong Patent Reform Bill Forward In Senate

#### ***Coalition Supports Commitment to Improve Patent System for All Inventors***

**Washington, D.C.** – Gary Griswold of the Coalition for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Patent Reform today released the following statement after the Senate Judiciary Committee overwhelmingly approved S. 23, *The Patent Reform Act of 2011*. The Coalition appreciates the strong bipartisan support of the bill in the committee and the recognition by the Senators that patent reform will spur innovation and help create jobs across all business sectors.

“Our Coalition is grateful for the bipartisan vote in support of the legislation and the Senators’ hard work to craft legislation that will improve the patent system for all the nation’s innovators. It is very encouraging to have the committee’s overwhelming support for the legislation as it moves to the Senate floor. We recognize Senators will continue to fine-tune the language of the bill and we look forward to working actively with them to address outstanding issues.

The members of our Coalition will be working with other inventors and innovators in the coming weeks to communicate with all Senators as well as members of the House about the importance of this legislation for jobs, promoting innovation, and solidifying our global competitiveness.”

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The Coalition has approximately 50 members from 18 diverse industry sectors and includes many of the nation’s leading manufacturers and researchers. The coalition’s steering committee includes 3M, Caterpillar, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly and Procter & Gamble. The Coalition has members in a variety of industry sectors including: Aerospace and Defense, Chemical, Computers, Diversified Financials, Diversified Technology, Energy, Food Production, Forest & Paper Products, Health Care, Household & Personal Products, Industrial Equipment, Medical Equipment & Devices, Network & Communications, Payroll Services, Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology, Semiconductors & Electronic Components, and Transportation Equipment. Visit <http://www.patentsmatter.com> for more information.