



August 2, 2022

Honorable Thom Tillis  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tillis:

On behalf of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization, I want to thank you for introducing the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act. This important legislation will bring much needed and overdue clarity to Section 101 of the Patent Act. The existing uncertainty in the law has been a major impediment to the cutting-edge work of our innovators.

In addition to providing needed and long overdue clarity to this critical area of the law, this legislation would also afford US innovators the same protections now enjoyed by their foreign competitors. At a time when the American people are demanding that critical industries be brought home, this equal treatment will be especially important.

BIO represents 1,000 members in a biotech ecosystem with a central mission – to advance public policy that supports a wide range of companies and academic research centers that are working to apply biology and technology in the energy, agriculture, manufacturing, and health sectors to improve the lives of people and the health of the planet. BIO is committed to speaking up for the millions of families around the globe who depend upon our success. We will drive a revolution that aims to cure patients, protect our climate, and nourish humanity.

This legislation is the product of a lengthy process involving diverse stakeholders with differing views on this vital question. The introduction of this legislation is an important first step in reforming this area of the law. We applaud your commitment to hearing from all interested parties and look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Shipley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nick Shipley  
Chief Advocacy Officer