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Re: Information Quality Act Request for Correction Regarding the “Patent Assertion and U.S. Innovation” Report and “Taking on Patent Trolls to Protect American Innovation” Blog Post

Dear Dr. Katznelson:

Thank you for your appeal regarding your request for correction of the “Patent Assertion and U.S. Innovation” report (Patent Report). You submitted your request for correction under the Office of Science and Technology Policy’s (OSTP) Information Quality Guidelines,¹ which are based on the Office of Management and Budget’s Government-wide Information Quality Guidelines.² OSTP received your request for correction on March 30, 2015 and responded on March 21, 2016. OSTP received your subsequent appeal on April 20, 2016.

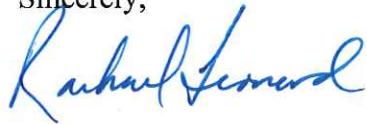
The Patent Report was co-published on June 4, 2013 by the Council of Economic Advisers, the National Economic Council, and OSTP. After consulting with the involved Executive Office of the President components, OSTP has denied your Appeal. OSTP maintains the position stated in its response to your original Request for Correction. The Patent Report was subject to inter-agency internal review prior to dissemination. The internal review process was consistent both with OSTP’s IQA Guidelines and OMB’s Government-wide IQA Guidelines, and was appropriate for this type of report, which relied primarily on third party studies, rather than data collected and analyzed for the sole purpose of inclusion in the Patent Report. These third party materials were reviewed internally by OSTP, the Council of Economic Advisers, and the National Economic Council, and included references where appropriate. As stated in OSTP’s March 21 response letter, OSTP posted a clerical update to the report to correct some errors in citations.

OSTP has posted your Appeal and this response letter on the OSTP website at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ostp/library/compliance/infoquality>.

¹ Office of Science and Technology Policy, Final Guidelines for Ensuring the Quality of Disseminated Information (October 1, 2002), <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp-iqg.pdf>.

² Office of Management and Budget, Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies; Republication,” 67 Fed. Reg. 8452 (Feb. 22, 2002), <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/omb/fedreg/reproducible2.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rachael Leonard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rachael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Leonard".

Rachael Leonard