

South Carolina Inventors Forum

*Spring is the time for planting
and hatching new ideas!*



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Hello SCIF and all independent inventors and innovators chasing the American dream....

Spring break! No zoom meeting this month.

Go out and enjoy the beauty of nature while imagining launching that fantastic idea.



Last month I presented "**Marketing**" – *How to commercialize your product/service idea.*

I gave case examples of Medical Devices and a pet product I've brought to market 😊

<https://youtu.be/B3z7U92mf50>

This month's topic is "**Video for Inventors and Startups**" – *How to show off your idea*

I invite you to watch [Dr. Thaddeus Jones](#) present "**10 tips for video making**"

This is a great video from March 2021 <https://youtu.be/p4gnl9ks4-U>

Go Fund Me has provided a handful of videos ranging from fundraising story tips and tricks, to how to share your fundraiser, and even stories from other successful organizers. You can see all the videos by [clicking here](#). I would also recommend the below videos as a good jumping off point for your needs:

[How to Create a GoFundMe](#)

[How to Write a Compelling Story](#)

[How GoFundMe Works](#)

[How to Withdraw Funds](#)

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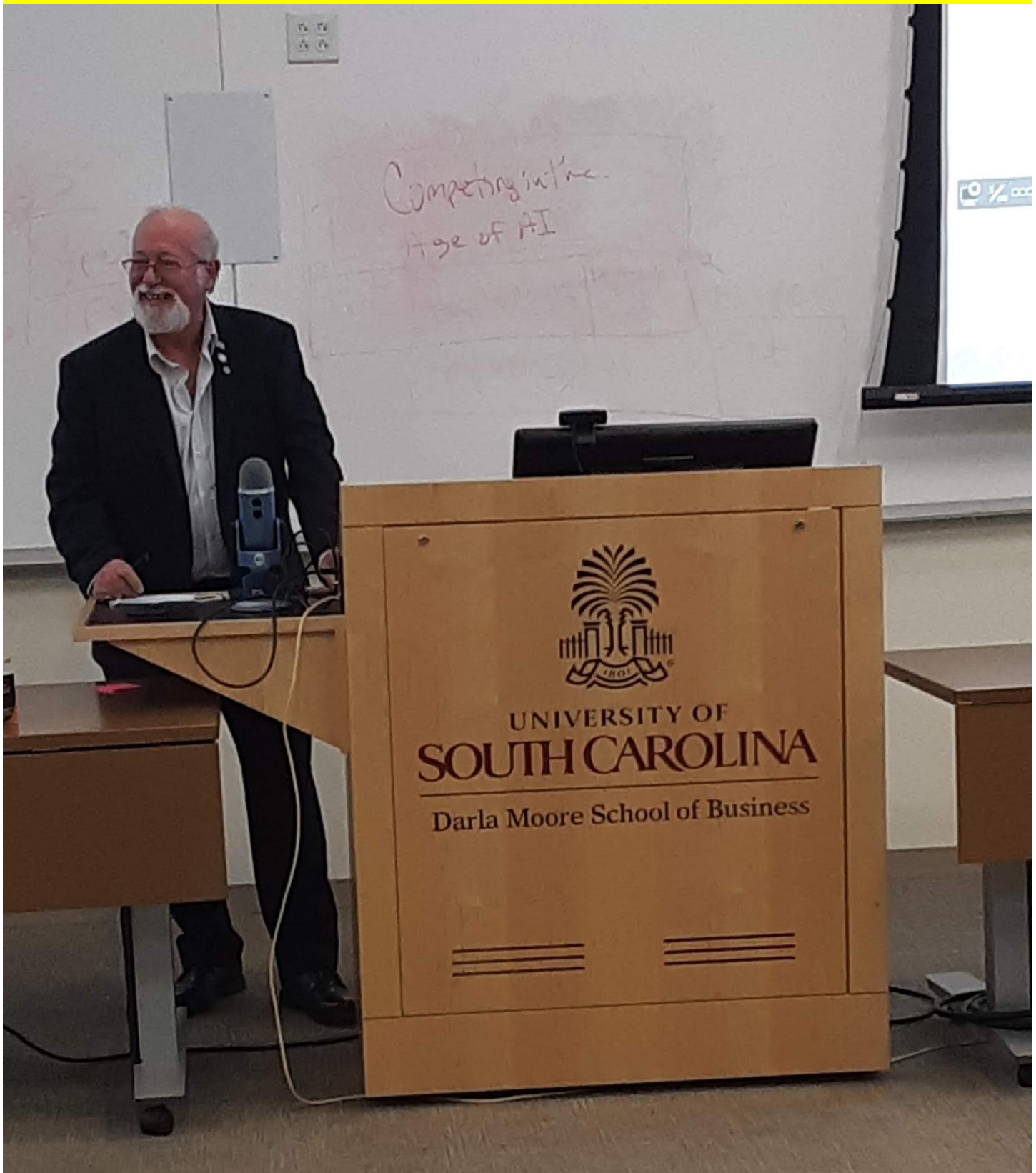
for getting our zoom meeting videos on our SCIF YouTube page!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8kK5cOuL0wTqKjPI8TwKA>

See you on Zoom 7pm EST Wednesday April 13th! - Adrian Pelkus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNHZZKUXISTW9SRke1UDB3QT09>

It was an honor and privilege to be a guest speaker at Dr. Dirk Brown's IP class at the UofSC Darla Moore School of Business.



"Why get even get a US patent anymore?" asked one student that attended my talk February 14th. "Exactly my point" I replied. - Adrian

Americans uniting to Boycott the USPTO

Independent American Inventors are uniting to Boycott the USPTO

Friends, independent inventors are getting hurt, our patent system has been hijacked by corporate interests and our independent inventors' rights have been eradicated one by one, destroying inventors' lives, dreams and their startups and now our nation's future ability to remain as an innovative leader in the world is at risk.

- We independent inventors demand our patent rights back.
- This is a call to all independent inventors, BOYCOTT the USPTO for patents.
- We independent inventors need USPTO issued patents to be strong again, restore their value and help our country thrive!
- We parents want our kids to have the rights our forefathers wanted all people to all have, the freedom to prosper from the labor of their minds.

I/We hereby:

1. Boycott to block/remove Director Vidal
2. Boycott to repeal A.I.A.
3. Boycott to promote [#HR5874](#)

Until our patent system's needs to be trustworthy are met, we inventors vow to keep our inventive ideas Trade Secrets or file PCT's and our inventions our personal Private Property.

If you support restoring inventors rights please tell your reps to support [#HR5874](#) and please support [US Inventor](#).

If you are an inventor yourself and support this call to action, please share this on y'all's social sites and comment "Yes I will!!"

All help to spread this news story is welcome!!

Please help bring this issue the attention it deserves.

We independent inventors are much less than 1% of the population.

Making people aware that our works are their futures, how our contributions have historically improved their lives and new businesses have helped communities and how our country depends on our innovations is the quest.

Feb 11th was National inventors' day, the date we started the Boycott of the USPTO. Please share this on y'all's sites and pages and posts 😊 Thanks for your support👍👉🙏👍👉us –

Adrian

Independent American inventors don't want the liabilities of a USPTO issued patent and are now boycotting USPTO for patents.

We are sad our US patents are no longer worth the paper they are written on considering what we see USPTO PTABs doing to our fellow inventors, destroying their work and dreams.

We are petrified anything of value we invent will be knocked off with immunity from damages.

We are bewildered our IP is no longer our own personal property.

Restore independent American Inventors rights.

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Why are we boycotting the USPTO for Patents?

I have talked recently with and about independent inventors joining together to boycott the USPTO for some **substantial reasons I've listed below**. The main one is the USPTO is invalidating independent inventors issued patents in favor of corporate interests, *doesn't it make sense for independent inventors to boycott the USPTO?*

"In discharging its patent related duties, the USPTO examines applications and grants patents on inventions when applicants are entitled to them."

This means that if an inventor is issued a patent, then the USPTO has already professionally done the work and deemed the inventor to be entitled to the patent.

How can they come back later and take away the patent with a **PTAB ?**

Doesn't this mean that they did not do their job correctly?

Why buy untrustworthy IP?

Issued patents are now getting invalidated by the same Patent Office that carefully issued them at our expense.

We did our own, then paid the USPTO to professionally research the prior art for our inventions Claims and judge if our teachings were unique. After years of wait and often time multiple added expense rounds of Office Actions to clarify the uniqueness, we proudly received a patent, the validation that our labors of our mind were in fact our property and deemed a novel, patentable invention.

Thinking they were valuable we then licensed these patents or built businesses around what we trusted was a reliable, verifiable document that was issued by the USPTO that stated right on the cover with a gold seal and red ribbon, our "United States Patent Grants to the person(s) having title to this patent the right to exclude others from

making, using offering for sale, or selling the invention throughout the United States of America”.

The USPTO no longer stands behind the work they had been paid to do, they now second guess years later and invalidate by PTAB the patent they issued. Without a jury trial, years of our lives are lost, dreams and businesses destroyed.

Many are no longer finding rewards in creating new things other than for their own pleasure. The USPTO is rigged to help big companies wipe out independent inventors and their start-ups.

Our dreams to help humanity, our callings to serve, our ambitions to pursue happiness are thwarted by the fears the liabilities of receiving a US patent now brings us independent inventors.

A.I.A. allowed USPTO to create the PTAB which has destroyed the lives of so many independent inventors, people that counted on the USPTO to stand behind the work they had been paid to do, to not hastily second guess their work years later and invalidate the patent they issued and allow multiple attacks on the inventors claims.

We independent inventors could not stop the few megacorps lobbying Congress to take control of the USPTO and change the rules in 2011 (A.I.A.) to suit their agendas.

We independent inventors should not allow SCOTUS to continue to remove our Constitutionally granted "right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law." PTABs remove both these rights.

Efficient Infringement

This is now a board room term for "lets knock off the independent inventor, they'll have no recourse and its faster and cheaper way for us to get into their market".

There is no fair injunctive relief for infringed inventors.

The Supreme Court and U.S. Congress have given infringers carte blanche to take whatever they want from an independent inventor.

"The U.S. Supreme Court decided that it was in the "public interest" for a proven infringer to continue infringing on an independent inventors IP because it could serve the market better than a startup (Ebay, 2006). As a result, even if you win your case, you will have to pass a "public interest" test before an injunction can be issued to stop the infringer. A startup vs an entrenched corporation will typically fail this test, so you can't stop the infringer. You end up with a court-ordered royalty that you cannot negotiate, and the infringer keeps your invention and the market. This is often an impossible barrier for what would have been, until recently, the next great American disruptive startup." <https://lnkd.in/dvZGsPjS>

A mega corp big tech can outproduce your startup and not be punished for stealing the idea and market. It is cheaper to pay lawyers than independent inventors royalties therefore, serial infringers will keep using the Supreme Court and U.S. Congress sanctioned PTABs.

There is no reason for mega companies to ever pay inventors a fair market value royalties for an independent inventors technology now that they can "legally" steal it.

Abstract Ideas are unpatentable

IMHO this SCOTUS decision was intellectual suicide for the USA. This decision has helped China gain a technical advantage over the USA.

Smart inventions need protection the most for a nation to stay strong!

Jefferson wrote (US Patent Act):

"Ingenuity should receive liberal encouragement."

Patentable subject matter should include anything under the sun that is made by man"

Private property rights taken

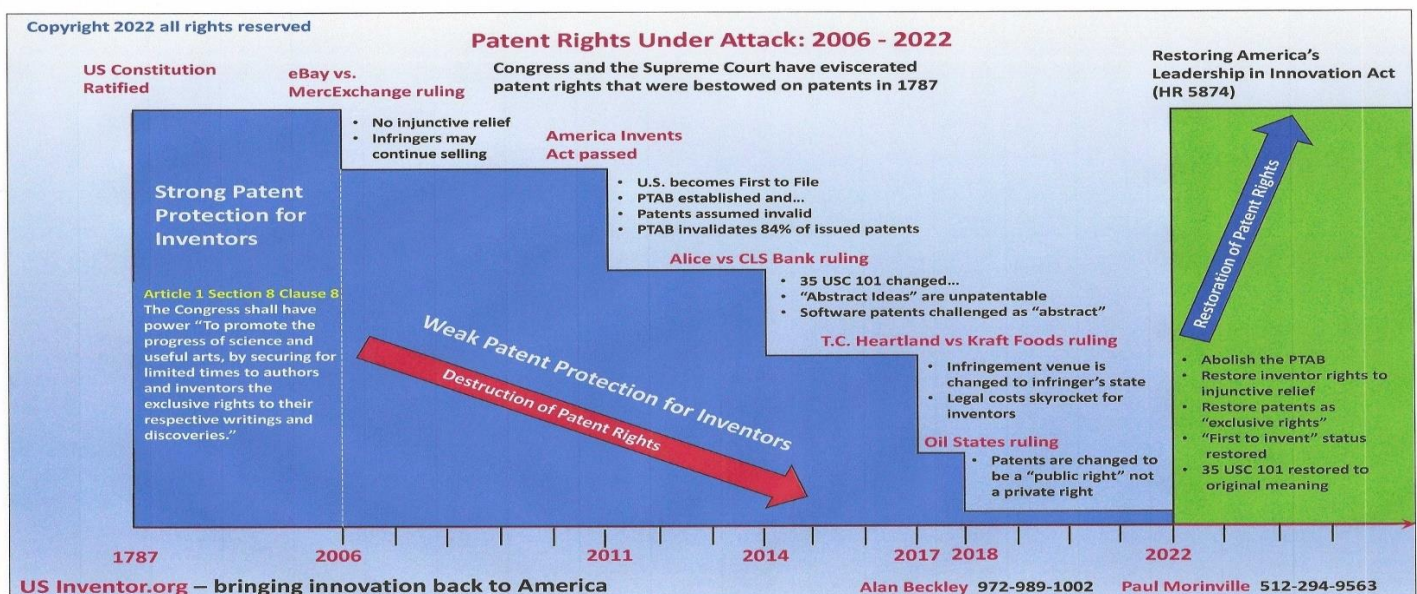
A patent was considered private property since Article 1 section 8 of the constitution was written. No more... **Patents were changed to be a "public right" not a private property right!** The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that America Invents Act reviews do not violate the U.S. Constitution and that the Patent Trial and Appeal Board has the authority to invalidate previously issued patents, leaving intact a system that has been used to challenge thousands of independent inventors patents.

*"This court has recognized, and the parties do not dispute, that the decision to grant a patent is a matter involving public rights — specifically, **the grant of a public franchise**," "Inter partes review is simply a reconsideration of that grant, and Congress has permissibly reserved the PTO's authority to conduct that reconsideration."*

Wrong candidate for Director

"Big tech has tremendous influence in the Biden Administration and has advanced one of their own to lead the USPTO. Kathi Vidal is a big tech litigator, cut from the same cloth as Michelle Lee, the Google lawyer who ran the USPTO for Obama's second term. Lee bolstered the "death squad for patents" called the PTAB, achieved an 84% patent invalidation rate, and provoked the first ever inventor protest in the history of the United States". – USI

This chart from USI sums it all up very well:



To Save Americas future...

It has been critically important to the economic success of the United States to be a world leader in inventions and innovations in science and technology for our military, for our economy and for our health care.

We lost that lead to China in 2019.

We have as a country committed intellectual suicide.

The A.I.A (that mega corporations lobbied congress to pass in 2011) has corrupt the US patent system into a tool that invalidates independent American inventors issued patented ideas, closes our businesses and destroys independent American inventor's incentives to build or create new things.

The consequences will lead to Chinese domination and our countries certain demise.

Restore inventor's rights and incentives.

Pass [#HR5874](#)

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Restore inventor rights!

It is cheaper to pay lawyers than independent inventors' royalties therefore, serial infringers will keep using the Supreme Court and U.S. Congress sanctioned PTABs.

There is no reason for megacorp big tech companies to ever pay inventors a fair market value for the technology they can now "legally" steal.

There is no fair injunctive relief for infringed inventors.

The Supreme Court and U.S. Congress have given infringers carte blanche to take whatever they want.

And in doing so have taken our 7th amendment rights away.

Therefore, it's dumb for independent American inventors to patent anything here in the USA anymore.

This is another reason independent inventors are calling to "Boycott the USPTO".

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HR5874 - Patent Reform Legislation Restore Protection to Inventors!!

https://massie.house.gov/uploadedfiles/hr_5874_ralia_text.pdf

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Washington, D.C.- Representative Thomas Massie announces the introduction of patent reform legislation designed to restore to Americans a patent system "as the Constitution of the United States originally envisioned it." Massie's legislation, HR 5874, the "Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act of 2021" (RALIA), reverses several harmful changes to patent law that arose from Supreme Court rulings and the enactment of the Leahy-Smith "America Invents Act." Among the significant reforms contained in Massie's legislation is a return to the "first to invent" standard to ensure patent protection for America's inventors.

"The RALIA legislation restores to Americans a patent system as the Constitution of the United States originally envisioned it," said **Congressman Massie**. "In Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, the Founding Fathers gave Congress the authority to protect the discoveries of inventors. Specifically, they created a patent system to 'promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.' Regrettably, Congress's 2011 enactment of the Leahy-Smith 'America Invents Act' has worked in concert with several Supreme Court decisions to erode this protection's strength and value."

*"As the Constitution intends, RALIA restores patent protection to inventors by awarding patents on a 'first to invent' basis rather than the more recently adopted 'first to file' standard," **Congressman Massie** continued. "A return to a 'first to invent' patent protection system ensures that inventors and the investors who back them can be confident that their innovative work and ideas will be safeguarded. Patents should protect those who innovate, not those who win the race to the patent office."*

In addition to restoring patent protections to a "first to invent" standard, RALIA contains other important reforms to the patent system. Notably, RALIA affirms that a patent secures private property rights, repeals administrative post-grant reviews, abolishes the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and ends the automatic publication of patent applications unless a patent is granted.

**Tell your congressman or woman to sponsor and support [HR5874](#)
Ask them to make it a campaign issue!!!!**

*Here is the letter I sent my local congressman last month asking them to take a stance on inventor's rights. **Remember, a phone call is worth 100 emails!***

Dear Congressman Wilson,

Please consider adding this important issue, [statement](#) and action to y'all's agenda for this year (as are other congressional candidates in the USA are right now) showing your support of American Startups, Inventors & Innovation in America:

Statement In Support of Startups & Inventors – Innovation in America

Startups and inventors produce new innovative products that grow the economy and create jobs for Americans.

Unfortunately, the America Invents Act of 2011 and 4 key Supreme Court rulings have decimated the previously strong patent rights our Founding Fathers included in our Constitution.

Startups are under attack by Big Tech and the Chinese using a non-judicial tribunal within the patent office, the PTAB. The PTAB has invalidated over 84% of duly issued patents brought before it.

I strongly support startups and independent inventors across America.

I support and will be a sponsor to the Thomas Massie's – Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act – [HR5874](#).

HR5874 will eliminate the PTAB, restoring America to the pinnacle of global innovation once again.

A chart attached shows the decimation of the US patent system, [HR5874](#) stops the damage PTABs are causing. All of us entrepreneur inventors and inspiring creative entrepreneurial inventors and innovators here in SC will thank you and be sure to remember y'all's position on this issue with us when at the polls next year. Have a blessed day 😊

Kind regards and thank you for your service,
Adrian

US INVENTOR

Innovators, Inventors, Dreamers, and Builders

BIG TECH AND CHINA ARE DESTROYING AMERICAN INNOVATION



SITUATION:

BIG TECH BROKE THE US PATENT SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE DISRUPTIVE COMPETITION

CHINA USES WHAT BIG TECH CREATED TO INVALIDATE THE PATENTS OF AMERICANS AND TAKE OUR TECHNOLOGIES "LEGALLY"

AMERICAN INVENTORS AND STARTUPS ARE BEING SUFFOCATED IN THE CRIB

RESULT:

BIG TECH MONOPOLIES GROW WITH UNBRIDLED POWER DUE TO LOSS OF AMERICAN STARTUPS

INCREASING NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT FROM CHINA TAKING THE LEAD IN KEY FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

THE LOSS OF AMERICA'S LEGENDARY INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

THE LOSS OF A KEY PART OF THE "AMERICAN DREAM" THAT HAS MADE AMERICA SO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD

SOLUTION:

THE RESTORING AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP IN INNOVATION ACT (RALIA)



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LET'S STOP CATERING TO BIG TECH AND CHINA AND TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY!

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Tell your story! Show people that you have the winning solution to a people problem that needs be solved now!

It is a privilege to be associating with 1 Million Cups and I suggest all inventors follow suit and make friends with their local group to share their dreams and connect.

ABOUT 1 MILLION CUPS

Based on the notion that entrepreneurs discover solutions and engage with their communities over a million cups of coffee, the **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation** developed 1 Million Cups in 2012—a free program designed to educate, engage and inspire entrepreneurs around the country. Through the power of volunteers, **1 Million Cups has grown to more than 160 communities.**

As a program of the Kauffman Foundation, 1 Million Cups works with entrepreneurs, empowering them with the tools and resources to break down barriers that stand in the way of starting and growing their businesses. Mr. Kauffman believed it was a fundamental right for anyone who had a big idea to be able to bring it to life—and we're here to fulfill that mission.

ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION

Founded by Ewing Marion Kauffman, the Foundation is driven to provide uncommon ways to create opportunities and connect people to the tools they need to achieve success, change their futures and give back to their communities. **We believe that if you have an idea, you have a fundamental right to start a business to make it a reality.**

We also believe that opportunity lies in the fields of education and entrepreneurship.

...just a thought

SCIF is now setup to take donations!!

Thanks to Lexa Gandolfo for her fantastic work to set up a Donate page on our SCIF site! Check it out and thanks for y'all's support 😊

<https://southcarolinainventorsforum.org/donate>

SCIF involves you! Have inventing questions, here is where to get answers!

Thinking of any new products or services that may help in some way, shape or form make life easier? We share new ideas and motivating concepts almost daily on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448388996120060/>

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to join our group!

We discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Join our group and come to our meetings to learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market. Meet with others and find friends, mentors and advisors.

Prepare your questions about inventing and ask local experts at Wednesday's Zoom meeting.

Prepare for launching your venture.

Mark your calendar for South Carolina Inventors Forum monthly meetings!

Monthly meeting format allows interactions and Q & A:

Network

- Welcome & Thanks
- Motivational Moment with Brian Pearson
- What's new? Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network

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SCIF welcomes stories about and by local inventors! We are calling for volunteers to help gather and write stories or folks to send theirs. Contact Adrian if you're interested.

Send us yours or Become an "Inventor of the Month"!

Time onstage (~10-30 minutes) to pitch your product and get feedback.

Help motivate other inventors, come tell your story!

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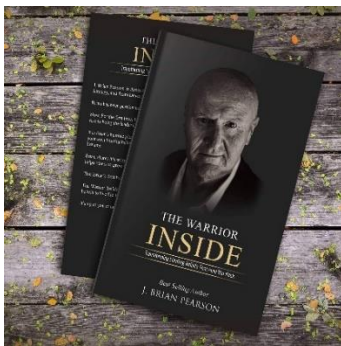
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