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The Honorable Thomas Massie
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United States Congress
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Dear Representative Massie:

Conservatives for Property Rights fully supports the Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act. Thank you for your leadership on this important property rights matter.

CPR emphasizes the central importance of private property in all its forms — physical, personal, and intellectual. The right to private property ranks among the unalienable rights the Founders referenced in the Declaration of Independence. Thus, property rights should not be considered a conservative or liberal issue, although this coalition approaches property rights from a conservative philosophical perspective.

The Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act would strengthen private property rights in one's inventions. The bill would go a long way toward reversing the antipatent trend of recent years, under assault by courts, Congress, and patent-infringer special interests. The harm done to our patent system is reflected in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's ranking the strength of the U.S. patent system as 12th in the world, down from 10th place last year, and far below the top spot we traditionally held. Further indicating our diminished patent system, the United States has now fallen out of the top 10 in Bloomberg's Innovation Index.

The Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act affirms the fact that a patent secures a private property right. It undoes some of the worst excesses of the America Invents Act, including repeal of administrative postgrant reviews and restoration of first-to-invent. It corrects several major Supreme Court errors, including addressing patentable subject matter regarding software and biotechnology, restoring injunctive remedies, and clarifying patent rights in licensing and transfer of patents. Further, CPR commends your ensuring right to judicial review, restoring the one-year grace period, ending automatic publication of patent applications prior to patent issuance, restoring tax treatment of patents as capital assets, restoring best mode, and eliminating patent fee diversion.

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Conservatives for Property Rights commends the Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act and looks forward to working with you in strengthening patent property rights.

Sincerely,

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