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Sens. Coons and Tillis and Reps. Collins, Johnson, and Stivers Release Section 101 Patent Reform Framework

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Ranking Member and Chair of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, and Representatives Doug Collins (R-Ga.), Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, Hank Johnson (D-Ga.), and Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) released a bipartisan, bicameral framework on Section 101 patent reform.

The framework comes just months after Senators Coons and Tillis revived the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property. Since then, Senators Coons and Tillis have worked with Representatives Collins, Johnson, and Stivers and interested stakeholders on how to best reform Section 101 of the Patent Act. The months of hard work by the Senators and Representatives has led to this bipartisan, bicameral framework.

“Today, U.S. patent law discourages innovation in some of the most critical areas of technology, including artificial intelligence, medical diagnostics, and personalized medicine,” **said Senator Coons.**

“That’s why Senator Tillis and I launched this effort to improve U.S. patent law based on input from those impacted most. I am grateful for the engagement of all stakeholders participating in our roundtables, as well as the bipartisan and collaborative efforts of colleagues in both the Senate and the House. I look forward to continuing to receive feedback as we craft a legislative solution that encourages innovation.”