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Hi and thank you for reading this,

The patent system is broken, and it is killing the American dream

My family sacrificed almost everything for me to pursue my invention of the nail wrap. It took years and tens of thousands of dollars for me to get my patent. During this time my invention caught on and was worn by celebrity A listers such as Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry. This brought the patent infringers out in droves, we collected over 20 companies' product info who potentially infringed on my patent (this includes international which I had also received patents for). Every infringer was like a knife in my heart, and money out of my pocket. I believed everything would be okay as soon as my patent was granted, I could go after the infringers and recoup my losses and either shut them down or have them pay a license fee.

When the patent was finally granted, I was so relieved as my companies' sales had risen fast and fallen even faster as the patent infringers took all the marketing, research and development efforts I had done and used them as their own. I had gone out of my way to hire employees in a rural area that could normally not find work; single parents with children in school I would give hours during the school hours; special need adults; high school students looking for experience. However, I had to lay off everyone because when the patent was granted it failed to protect me and my company.

What happened when I hired attorneys (best I could find, \$800 hour) to go after the infringers is that we would get a response back threatening me to invalidate my patent. What a heartbreak to learn that they could, and they would, and there was nothing I could do as I did not have millions of dollars to fight in court. I describe the feeling I had as "business rape".

Please bring back the American dream, fix our patent system so inventors can thrive and grow their business in the United States of America with American people and American products.

Thank you,

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