

The U.S. Patent System:
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What Would Thomas Edison Think?

In the debate over patent reform, some are now suggesting that unless a company actually produces a product, they should not be entitled to the same patent rights as those that do.

These so-called “Non-Practicing Entities” are being portrayed as a drag on innovation.

It’s a curious argument, and one that promotes the interests of big tech companies and disadvantages innovators like universities, individual inventors, small incubator companies and others without the capital to turn their ideas into commercial products on their own.

Is it really the case that the only people with ideas worth protecting are those with pockets deep enough to bring a product to market?

Such a proposition would have come as a shock to Thomas Edison, whose early, groundbreaking inventions could not have been patented under these proposed rules.

A diversified economy promotes efficiencies and greater innovation – and many of the most valuable, job creating breakthrough inventions come from universities and small incubator companies.



The best patent system in the world promotes American innovation and creates U.S. jobs.