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House Judiciary Subcommittee on
Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Hank Johnson

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Dear Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Johnson:

The Save Our Standards Coalition is submitting this statement for the record to your Subcommittee's July 22, 2025 hearing titled, "Foreign Abuse of U.S. Courts."

The Save Our Standards Coalition supports addressing concerns about third-party litigation funding highlighted in Chairman Issa's hearing on Foreign Abuse of U.S. Courts. This problem is particularly pernicious in standard essential patents (SEP) related litigation. Some SEP monetizers are leveraging third-party funding to pressure SEP licensees into accepting license rates that are well above fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND), contrary to the SEP licensors' promise when they voluntarily offered their patented technology for inclusion in the standard. Litigation funded by unknown foreign sources against U.S. manufacturers in U.S. courts hurts American competitiveness and jobs. It also potentially exposes proprietary information of U.S. parties to foreign adversaries. The lack of transparency in funding sources, the extent of essential patent ownership, and SEP licenses supporting that litigation create clear national and economic security risks for the U.S. and deserve to be addressed expeditiously.

Sincerely,
Save Our Standards

Save Our Standards is a broad-based coalition of innovators, small businesses, associations, academics, and consumer groups dedicated to reinforcing the voluntary FRAND licensing commitment and its important role in technical standards to enable competition and innovation that directly benefits consumers. We work to educate decision-makers and stakeholders on policies that allow all innovators to thrive through pro-competitive practices and the reinforcement of fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory licensing terms for standard-essential patents.