

A Note About The Attached Letter To Governor Jeb Bush of Florida

The reason that I wrote the attached letter to Jeb Bush, who is the governor here in Florida, is that it was recently pointed out that his Social Security number is on the internet in public records along with those of tens of thousands of other Floridians. When he learned of that, he had his own Social Security number redacted from the public records. But he did nothing about the Social Security numbers in the public records of all the other residents here in Florida.

Since the Governor was concerned about his own Social Security number and since he no doubt has a direct line to his brother, who is ultimately in charge of the Patent Office, maybe the governor can get his brother to address the Patent Office's total lack of concern over privacy matters.

I recall that when President Bush first took office, he said he was going to give the Oval Office a "good scrubbing." If he meant that rhetorically, he also needs to give the Patent Office a "good scrubbing."

For the forty-four pages of attachments to the actual letter, the Social Security numbers and other personal data were not redacted. However, since the exhibits file is on the internet, I have redacted the more personal information in the exhibits.

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Dear Governor Bush,

I see on the internet that your Social Security Number is 451-88-4919.

Does it bother you that your personal information is available to the public, particularly in light of widespread identity theft?

If so, next time you're talking to your brother, would you please mention to him that his own employees in his Executive Branch release very personal information? The culprit is the U.S. Patent Office. The victims are inventors.

Attached are samples of typical documents routinely made public by the Patent Office. Note their stamp on many of the documents. The last four pages are their actual quotes requiring this information, which his agency then makes public.

The Patent Office is prohibited from releasing income tax forms, Social Security numbers, medical information, etc. But they do it anyway!

At one time, a patent once granted was good for seventeen years and that was it. Now a patent is good for twenty years provided that at the end of the fourth, eighth and twelfth years, the inventor pays a maintenance fee (tax). Otherwise the patent expires and enters the public domain. If the scheduled payment date window is missed (and you cannot pay ahead), the inventor must pay an overdue fine and also submit massive amounts of personal data.

The kicker is that your brother's Patent Office then makes all of this personal information public and is even in the process of making all of it available over the internet. And from 1996 to 2005, inventors weren't even warned, contrary to the Privacy Act, that their information would be made public. For more information, please visit my website at www.PatentOfficeLawsuit.info

Your brother's Patent Office has a number of problems that have recently come to light including hiding backlogged work in the ceiling panels, losing checks, not returning phone calls, conflicts of interest, violating laws related to Homeland Security, low productivity, falsifying documents and, of course, releasing private information like tax returns, social security numbers and medical data.

Many of these problems could be solved by changing the Patent Office from bureaucratically examining each patent to being a "super notary" that would simply certify the receipt date of a patent and publish it - while letting the federal court system handle any infringement claims. And this would eliminate the need to examine the 95% of all patents that are "vanity" patents with little commercial value.

George Washington first proposed a Patent Office in his 1790 State Of The Union speech. As he looks down, he must be very disappointed with the arrogant and monstrous mess that the Patent Office has become.

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