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The Honorable Hank Johnson  
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The Honorable Doug Collins  
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
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The Honorable Martha Roby  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Thom Tillis  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Chris Coons  
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Johnson, Congressman Collins, Congressman Nadler, Congresswoman Roby, Senator Tillis, and Senator Coons:

Thank you for taking the time to consider the needs of small businesses in assessing the problems current trademark structure and process can create for them, especially with respect to the glut of trademarks not used in commerce, and their ability to challenge them. Creating opportunities for the voices of small businesses to be heard in these processes, as they seek to protect their brands, services and products, is critical to maintaining and extending the role of small entrepreneurs in our communities and the larger economy.

Again, thank you for your commitment to small businesses in this important work.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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