

CONGRESSIONAL INVENTIONS PROJECT

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



The Congressional Inventions Project (CIP) advances America's innovation culture by educating policymakers on the essential role inventors and strong patents play in U.S. economic growth and global competitiveness. In partnership with the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Inventions Caucus (CIC), CIP connected policymakers with innovators, simplified complex IP issues, and elevated invention as a national policy priority.

Congressional Membership

CIP saw strong growth in interaction with congressional offices from both chambers and across the political spectrum. Growing to 21 members this Congress, CIP facilitated the sharing of information about patent policy, IP enforcement, and barriers facing modern inventors — reflecting the rising significance of innovation competitiveness in legislative priorities. CIP worked with CIC leaders to deepen awareness of the Caucus and expand participation among Members and staff.

Events and Briefings

CIP hosted multiple successful events that connected policymakers with real-world inventors and innovation experts:

- **World IP Day Launch:** Full-day inventor fly-in and expo with 80+ attendees — officially introducing CIP and CIC to Capitol Hill.
- **Summer Social:** Brought together more than 40 staff and innovation advocates for bipartisan engagement with Caucus leadership.
- **Taking on China Through American Innovation (with RealClearMarkets):** Briefing attended by 100+ staff — focused on patents and global competition.
- **National IP Month Popcorn Event:** A high-energy Hill activation engaging 250+ staff from 100+ congressional offices.
- **Drawn to Innovate:** A festive holiday lunch with personalized caricatures and direct education on CIC's mission.

These events strengthened understanding of how intellectual property drives investment, job creation, and American competitiveness.

Educational & Digital Outreach

CIP made innovation policy easy to access and understand by:

- Distributing monthly newsletters that broke down complex IP issues into actionable insights.
- Growing a library of event videos showing the successful projects we worked on throughout the year.
- Publishing the Patent Policy Primer, now a go-to resource for congressional offices seeking clarity on U.S. patent law.
- Communicating effectively to help policymakers quickly grasp why protecting inventors is fundamental to U.S. prosperity.

Looking Ahead

In 2026, CIP will continue to scale its mission by:

- Hosting additional briefings, demonstrations, and community-building events on Capitol Hill.
- Growing participation in CIP and the Congressional Inventions Caucus.
- Increasing education about the economic necessity of a strong U.S. patent system.

Conclusion

2025 was a breakthrough year for the Congressional Inventions Project. We expanded awareness, built powerful connections, and elevated the voices of innovators who are shaping the future. In the year ahead, CIP will continue ensuring policymakers hear — and act upon — the priorities of America's inventors.

