

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL IP MONTH

Innovation powers America. Intellectual Property helps protect it.

This October, we recognize the inventors, creators, entrepreneurs, and businesses whose ideas strengthen the U.S. economy and American competitiveness.

IP Rights Promote Innovation

Intellectual Property (IP) rights are foundational to U.S. innovation, economic competitiveness, and national security.

- **\$11.4 TRILLION IN U.S. GDP** — IP intensive industries contributed 44% of U.S. private sector GDP.
- **66 MILLION JOBS** — IP intensive industries directly and indirectly supported roughly 44% of U.S. private sector employment.
- **53% HIGHER EARNINGS** — Average weekly earnings in IP-intensive industries were 53% higher than in non-IP-intensive industries.
- **\$1.58 TRILLION IN EXPORTS** — IP intensive industries generated about 81.5% of U.S. commodity exports.

Congressional Dear Colleague

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 12, 2025

Dear Colleague:

We write to invite you to become a member of the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Inventions Caucus. As you know, inventions and discoveries fuel the U.S. economy, create jobs and provide benefits to the public.

The purpose of the Congressional Inventions Caucus is to provide a forum for inventors to showcase innovative products and educate members and staff about the innovation ecosystem and the vital role that intellectual property plays in the American economy. Past events have included briefings highlighting women innovators, small inventors and patent attorneys. We also host a yearly briefing on relevant Supreme Court decisions.

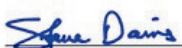
The Caucus also allows Members of Congress who have an interest in innovation, patent and copyright laws, business, finance, and strategic issues to gain a deeper understanding of how these complex issues interact and impact our nation's economy. The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office notes that IP-intensive industries provide 47 million U.S. jobs and support another 15.5 million jobs that supply those sectors. Altogether, U.S. IP-centric economic sectors are responsible for 62.5 million jobs — 44% of all U.S. jobs.

Specifically, the Caucus examines different challenges for individuals, businesses, and entrepreneurs when moving an idea from research and development to commercialization and market entry. This includes the roles that our national labs, research universities, and technology transfer offices play as incubators of invention, how inventors and investors are connected to bring ideas to consumers, and the ways in which government can incentivize the development of innovative products and processes.

In addition, the bipartisan Inventions Caucus seeks to provide a platform for inventors, startups, and businesses (large and small) to communicate with lawmakers in order to strengthen our competitiveness, foster economic growth, and promote American innovation in their states and districts. In the coming months, we hope to hold luncheons, briefings, and other events to facilitate discussion on relevant issues.

If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Taylor Betts in Senator Daines' office (Taylor.Betts@daines.senate.gov) or James Barton (James.Barton@judiciary.dem.senate.gov) with Senator Chris Coons, Carson Cameron (Carson.Cameron@mail.house.gov) with Representative Kevin Kiley, or Tom Koester (Tom.Koester@mail.house.gov) with Representative Deborah Ross. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator



Kevin Kiley
Member of Congress



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator



Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress

State IP Month Proclamations

A growing number of states have proclaimed October as IP Month.

- Arkansas
- California
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Washington, DC



Join the Congressional Inventions Caucus

The Congressional Inventions Caucus (CIC) supports creators, inventors, and innovators by educating the public and policymakers about pertinent issues and challenges. We strive to bridge this knowledge gap through events, briefings, and direct interactions with individuals at the forefront of innovation.



Learn more & ask your Member of Congress to join today!



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