



Why Big Tech is Seeking to Undermine PTAB Reforms

Big Tech companies have been **the biggest users of the USPTO’s Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), filing hundreds of petitions** challenging the patents of smaller innovators since the Board was established in 2012.

Big Tech infringers like the PTAB because it provides them with an additional tool to drag out infringement disputes and increase the cost of enforcing patents for smaller innovators.

These companies are now pushing [legislation](#) that would reverse recent reforms at the PTAB to tilt the balance further in their favor and make it even harder for patent owners to defend their intellectual property. This is a **blatant effort by Big Tech to gain more power**, allowing them to crush small competitors and maintain their market dominance. It would also help some of China’s biggest tech companies, including ZTE and Huawei, who are also among the top users of the PTAB.

