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Dear Mr. Wegner:

Thank you for your email and letter of August 21, 2016, addressed to Michelle K. Lee, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Your letter concerning proposed rulemaking to further implement first-to-file has been referred to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents for response.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy for consideration as a petition for rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(e). You can expect to receive a response from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy in due course.

I hope this letter addresses your concerns. If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact Daniel Kolker at (571) 272-8800.

Sincerely,

Steven Griffin  
Office of the Commissioner for Patents