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May it please the Court.,
I am opposed to mandatory malpractice insurance for Washington State lawyers.

I practice only before the United State Patent and Trademark Office and specifically the Trademark Office. I am 79 years old. I do pro bono work for non-profits and startup, small, family owned businesses. There is no Trademark Agent provision for practice before the Trademark Office. I must maintain a law license and be a member of a state bar association to continue my representation of family, friends and clients before the US Trademark Office..

In over fifty years of practice, I have never received any allegation of malpractice. In over fifty years of trademark practice, I have never appeared before a state or federal court. I do not handle client's trust funds.

Mandatory malpractice insurance would force me to abandon the activity that I love, that gets me up to check email in the morning, and keeps me intellectually stimulated.

Please reject the proposed amendment to APR 26.

Thank you.

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