

Legislative/governmental affairs update

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Legislative activity

116th Congress

- **Telework for U.S. Innovation Act (H.R. 7448/S. 4138)**
 - Would make the USPTO's authority to conduct TEAPP permanent
 - Update
- **Trademark Modernization Act 2020 (H.R. 6196/S. 3449)**
 - Update
 - China Task Force Act (H.R. 12) – Comprehensive legislation to respond to threats from China, which includes the Trademark Modernization Act
- **Stopgap funding (H.R. 8319)**
 - Extends government funding through December 11, 2020

116th Congress

- State Sovereign Immunity Study
 - In response to a request from Congress, the USPTO is “study[ing] the extent to which patent or trademark owners are experiencing infringement by state entities without adequate remedies under state law”
 - The USPTO will be issuing a Federal Register Notice seeking information and relevant evidence from external stakeholders, including the states, IP owners, and others in the coming weeks

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- USPTO's legislative priorities
 - IP attaché rank
 - TEAPP extension
 - Monitor/provide technical assistance regarding pending trademark-related legislation



Thank you!

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