



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Mr. Williams,

We are writing to share the priorities of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (“Chamber”) and BritishAmerican Business (“BAB”) following the recent U.S.-UK IP Working Group meeting. We are grateful you joined us in Washington, DC on April 16, 2025.

Protection of intellectual property (IP) is a fundamental pillar of the U.S.-UK partnership, fueling innovation, supporting job creation, and promoting long-term economic growth. As global leaders in IP protection and enforcement—as recognized by the Chamber’s annual International IP Index—the U.S. and UK have developed robust, transparent, and enforceable IP systems. As such, strengthening this foundation through continued partnership is essential. The Chamber and BAB were grateful to see the U.S. and UK government commit to discussing high-standard IP protection and enforcement in the U.S.-UK Economic Prosperity Deal (EPD), and we look forward to working with both governments to strengthen collaboration to advance our shared objectives in IP policy.

Following our conversation in April, we jointly present the following priorities for consideration by the U.S. and UK governments:

Collaboration in Multilateral Organizations: Continued U.S.-UK collaboration will be critical to preventing regression on IP standards through the multilateral organizations. We remain concerned with the prevalence of anti-IP voices at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and World Trade Organization (WTO) who seek to advance an anti-IP agenda. At WIPO, we believe U.S.-UK partnership will be pivotal to encouraging the WIPO Secretariat’s neutrality. With the upcoming WIPO elections, the U.S. and UK have a strategic opportunity to guide the organization towards a more proactive, innovation and creativity-driven IP agenda that upholds the shared values of

open markets, creativity, and the rule of law. The Chamber and BAB are committed to advancing an affirmative agenda at both institutions to ensure that the multilateral rules-based system can advance IP standards globally.

- **Priority:** We strongly support continued collaboration between the U.S. and the UK in shaping a robust and forward-thinking IP agenda in Geneva. This includes active participation in key fora such as WIPO's Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights, the Standing Committee on Patents, and the WTO's Friends of IP and Innovation Group. We encourage both the USPTO and UK IPO to further support WIPO's Creators Learn Intellectual Property (CLIP) platform, which is vital for educating musicians and creators worldwide on the importance of IP rights in a rapidly transforming digital economy. As nations prepare for the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference in 2026, we support collaboration to develop stronger, evidence-based narratives that clearly demonstrate how IP underpins economic growth and drives innovation and creativity in developing countries. We further encourage the U.S. and UK to continue to raise awareness of the risks posed by forced technology transfer and advocate for voluntary mechanisms to facilitate information sharing and create legal certainty for innovators.

Third Country Collaboration: As global leaders in protection and enforcement of IP, the U.S. and the UK have a shared responsibility to champion high-standard IP principles worldwide. At a time when our innovative and creative industries are navigating an increasingly complex regulatory environment, proposed developments in the European Union—such as revision of the General Pharmaceutical Legislation and the Patent Package—would weaken protections for IP and related rights, with broad implications for competitiveness and investment in innovation. Additionally, the recent issuance of a compulsory license in Colombia underscores the urgent need for continued transatlantic cooperation, and we are grateful for the UK's engagement in Colombia on this issue. Ongoing partnership will be critical to upholding global standards and discouraging the proliferation of compulsory licensing practices that undermine innovation and investment across the region.

- **Priority:** We must remain vigilant against threats that could undermine IP protection in both like-minded and emerging markets. We support regular interaction between U.S. and UK IP Attachés and the business community to respond to evolving threats to IP protection. We also encourage continued discussion between the U.S. and the UK on timely IP issues, such as artificial intelligence, standard essential patents, and patent law harmonization.

While there was limited opportunity to discuss trade policy during the meeting, the Chamber and BAB remain committed to promoting trade and supporting open

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markets, give the vital role trade plays in driving of economic growth and prosperity in both the U.S. and the UK. A rules-based global trading system not only facilitates private sector investment in research and development but also strengthens engagement in the global innovation ecosystem. We welcome the U.S. and UK's commitment through the EPD to advance mutually beneficial trade, strengthen our economic partnership, and collaborate to address the shared challenges our economies face. We look forward to working with both governments to ensure that effective IP protection and enforcement can help achieve each of these objectives.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these recommendations and look forward to continuing to work with USPTO and UK IPO.

Sincerely,



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