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## **Strong Intellectual Property Protection Encourages Innovation, according to Congressman**

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It's good to see an increasing realization that US patent policy needs to regroup to help the US maintain and extend its dominance in innovation, and advantage that has been slipping away in recent years due to a weakening of the patent system. I agree with Frank Cullen, GIPC executive director of U.S. intellectual property policy, who recently [said](#) that "[s]trengthening America's #IP climate is one of the best things elected officials can do to help grow the economy."

I also agree with Rep. Lance, of Florida, who met with local businesses in his district to promote IP protections. "Strong intellectual property protections lead to innovative new discoveries that fuel economic growth," said Rep. Lance. "Congress should be taking every measure possible to promote patents, trademarks, and copyrights in order to encourage development across a variety of industries as we move forward in the 21st century."

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