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As a taxpayer and patent holder I object to the following provision of the AIA (H.R. 1249):

"§ 2. b. (11) may conduct programs, studies, or exchanges of items or services regarding domestic and international intellectual property law and the effectiveness of intellectual property protection domestically and throughout the world, and the Office is authorized to expend funds to cover the subsistence expenses and travel-related expenses, including per diem, lodging costs, and transportation costs, of persons attending such programs who are not Federal employees;"

At a time when government spending is out of control and the government is borrowing 42% of what it spends this provision reflects a total disregard for any fiscal responsibility on the part of law makers. This provision is nothing more than a blank check and it is ripe for abuse and it contributes nothing to the advancement of science and technology.

This provision is an outrage and needs to be repealed at once.

Copies of this email have been forwarded to my senators (Portman and Brown) and representative (Kucinich).

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