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**UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION,
Petitioner**

v.

**NADER ASGHARI-KAMRANI and KAMRAN ASGHARI-KAMRANI,
Patent Owners**

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Case CBM2016-00063

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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 323, Patent Owners Nader Asghari-Kamrani and Kamran Asghari-Kamrani (“Patent Owner”), who are also the sole Inventors, respectfully submit this *Preliminary Response* responding to the Petition for *Covered Business Method Review* (“Petition”) of *U.S. Patent No. 8,266,432* (“the ‘432 Patent’”).¹

This is not the first time Petitioner has challenged the ‘432 Patent before the Board. On September 1, 2015, Petitioner filed a *Petition for Inter Partes Review* of the ‘432 Patent under IPR2015-01842 (“Petition for IPR”) based on alleged prior art. On February 26, 2016, subsequent to Patent Owner’s December 10, 2015 *Preliminary Response*, the Board denied institution of the IPR. Now, Petitioner has subsequently filed two Covered Business Method challenges to the same patent.

Delayed, serial challenges to the same patent should be viewed unfavorably because they were not contemplated by the AIA. It places a huge burden on patent owners, and permits big companies, such as petitioner, to use its economic power, not its legal positions, to defeat the patent owner. Further, such repetitive activity

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