

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thom Tillis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Senator Tillis on behalf of himself and Senator Coons Statement for the Record: Remembering the Life and Legacy of The Honorable Q. Todd Dickinson.

Today, we honor the life and legacy of The Honorable Q. Todd Dickinson. Todd was a great friend to our offices, and we often relied on him for impartial counsel as we endeavored to reform patent law. Todd was incredibly generous with his time and his intimate knowledge of patent law, and we will greatly miss him.

Todd had an immeasurable impact on our patent system during a career spanning more than four decades. Todd served as the first Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the Patent and Trademark Office from 1999 to 2001, where he transformed the USPTO into a more modern and independent agency. Todd also served as Executive Director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, where he played an essential role in the enactment of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act.

Todd is survived by his husband, Robert Atkins, and his brother, John Dickinson. Our thoughts and prayers are with Todd's family during this difficult time.