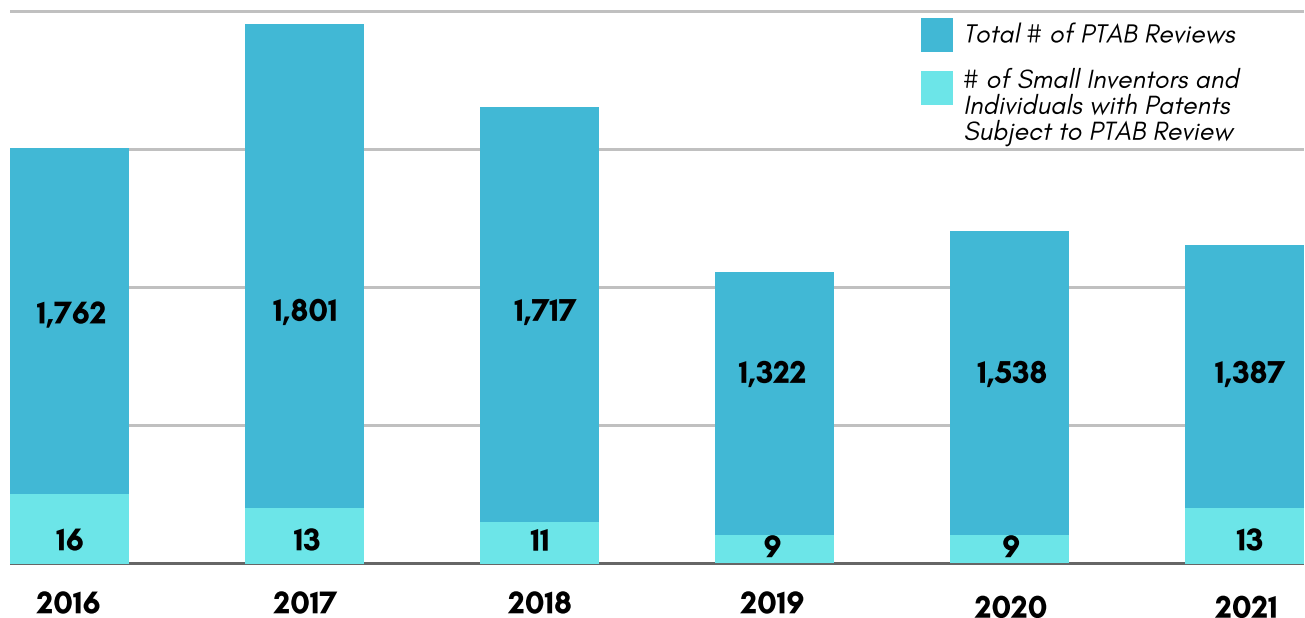


ANALYSIS: PATENTS OF INDIVIDUALS & SMALL INVENTORS RARELY SUBJECT TO PTAB REVIEW

The **U.S. Manufacturers Association for Development and Enterprise's (US*MADE)** "State of PTAB Review" identifies the number of small inventors and individuals with patents that were the subject of inter partes review (IPR) and post-grant review (PGR) proceedings since 2016.

In 2021, out of **a total of 1,387** Patent and Trial Appeal Board (PTAB) petitions, **only 13** small inventors and individuals owned patents that were subject to PTAB review.

THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE: INTER PARTES REVIEW IS NOT A THREAT TO SMALL INVENTORS.



By comparison, **more than half** of the thousands of infringement cases filed every year by non-practicing entities - also known as 'patent trolls' - attack American manufacturers.

The protections once offered by the **America Invents Act** have been weakened and NPEs (backed by foreign sovereign wealth funds, Wall Street hedge funds and litigation investment pools) have seized the opportunity to file **frivolous patent litigation** that targets American manufacturers.

Congress should **protect and preserve the IPR process** to drive innovation and strengthen the legal tools manufacturers use to defend themselves against abusive patent trolls.

ABOUT US*MADE

The **U.S. Manufacturers Association for Development and Enterprise (US*MADE)** mission is protecting US manufacturers against abusive patent litigation so we can create good jobs, invest in our communities, and drive American innovation.