

*Peter Detkin's response:*

*That characterization is ridiculous and offensive. There is little serious debate that intellectual property is valuable and a cornerstone of our economy. We're building a marketplace so that people who create IP can get paid for it and recognize that value, and companies who use IP can get access to it in an efficient manner. People may disagree about exactly how to value IP, and that's a legitimate discussion to have. But turning a business matter into name-calling and inflammatory rhetoric is just an attempt to distract people from the issue – namely, that some companies don't like the fact that they have to pay for the IP they use. To clarify, we have never disclaimed the possibility of litigation. Businesses don't always agree on the value of IP, and like every other company we sometimes rely on the courts to resolve business disputes. We're a disruptive company that's providing a way for patent-holders to recognize value from their IP that wasn't available before we came on the scene, and we are making a big impact on the market. That obviously makes people uncomfortable. But no amount of name-calling changes the fact that ideas have value.*