


THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INVENTION ISN'T THE ONLY THING IN DANGER



PATENTS ARE SO VITAL TO ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT THEY ARE A PRINCIPAL MEASUREMENT OF WHETHER A COUNTRY FOSTERS INNOVATION.

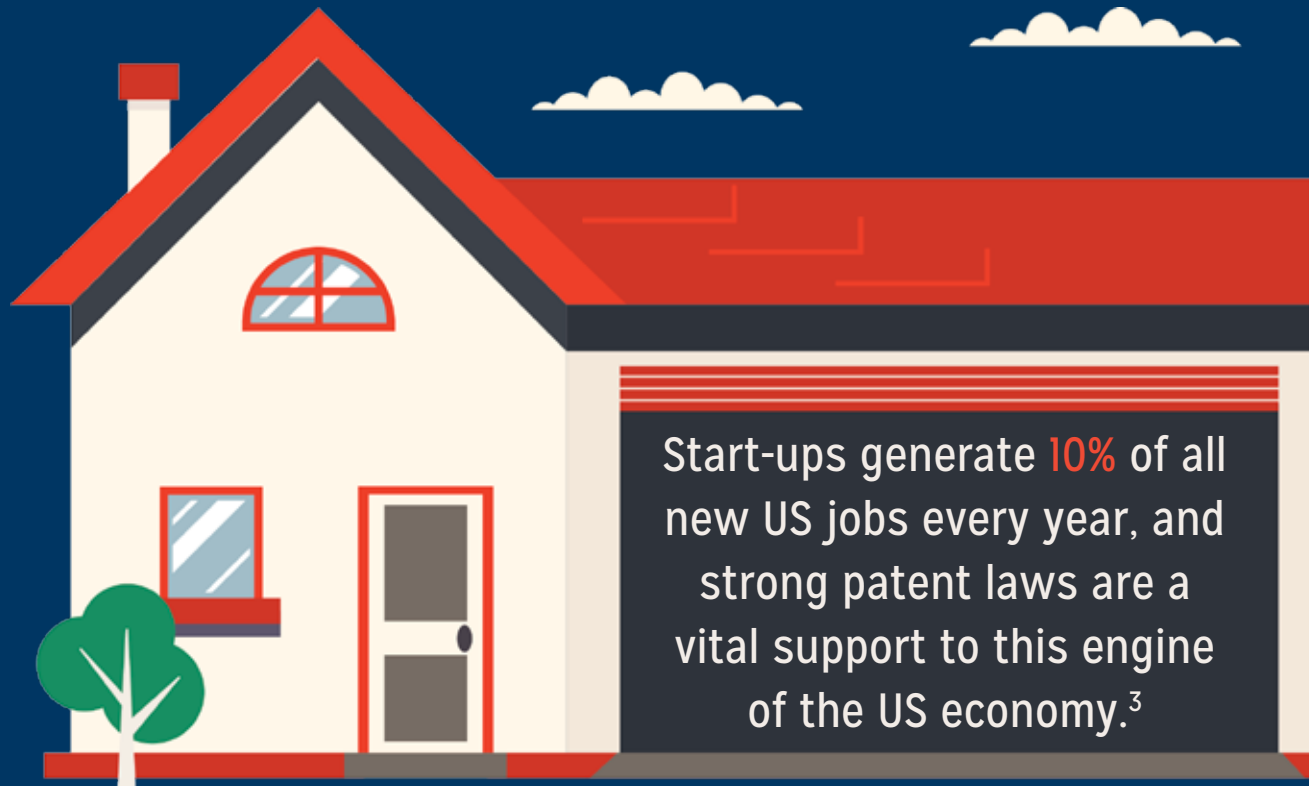


Companies in IP-intensive industries generate more than **\$5 trillion** in US economic activity per year and are responsible for three quarters of all exports.¹



OVER 40 MILLION
American jobs depend
ON THE PROTECTIONS
of intellectual property.²

PATENTS ARE CRUCIAL TO THE ENTREPRENEURS AND START-UPS WHICH ARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF AMERICAN EMPLOYERS.



Start-ups account for almost **20%** of gross job creation.⁴

STRONG PATENT LAWS ARE THE KEY TO MAINTAINING AMERICA'S COMPETITIVE EDGE

Patents are one of the best means of preventing foreign-made knockoffs and other infringing products from flooding US markets and driving out legitimate American businesses.⁵



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