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General Comment

This message relates to the Proposed Rulemaking regarding Font Size for PTO submissions.

I appreciate the fact that we need to have consistency within documents being sent to the US PTO and very strongly agree with the 12 point sizing. I would like to challenge the use of Times New Roman as a standard font.

After handling thousands of documents, I have found that the Times New Roman font is very compact and can cause eyestrain quite quickly when working on either large documents or multiple documents on a daily basis. In reviewing the Fed. Register I took the opportunity to type
The United States Patent Office in the Times New Roman font and found that if you overlaid the page on the words from the Register there was quite a difference in character spacing as seen below indicating that Times New Roman is not the preferred font. Therefore, I would note that even the Federal Register and the Patent Office do not subscribe to utilizing this smaller font.

Arial ?????????? United States Patent Office
Times New Roman United States Patent Office

We are very much aware of the tight constraints of costs that everyone is incurring due to the increasing size of patent applications but for everyone's benefit it would be beneficial to standardize on a font and size that is workable for everyone. Although Arial may not be the best choice it is definitely easier on the eyes.

I do hope that a concensus can be reached on this important point.

Thank you.