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To: SatelliteOffices

Subject: Request for a USPTO office in Silicon Valley

Dear Sir or Madam,

I heard that the Patent Office is looking for some new locations for patent offices. I would suggest it makes good sense to locate one in Silicon Valley which likely generates more patents per year than any other similar area in the US. We are a center for electronics and computer innovation, clean technology and biotech and co-olcating and office nearby would be a clear win for both the USPTO and the companies (small and large) generating those innovations.

As a patent filer myself I am aware of how much work goes into these and any improvement in the process can only be beneficial, especially if it can result in better screening to weed out duplicate or obvious patents.

Yours sincerely,

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