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Director David Kappos U.S. Patent and Trademark Office PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Director Kappos:

Please consider the state of Colorado as a location for a new regional satellite office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Colorado is an ideal location for a new USPTO satellite office. It is the home to one of the nation's most vibrant clusters of innovation, technological development, and economic growth. Our innovation-based industries are heavily dependent on the approval of new patents for growth. Additionally, Colorado boasts a large number of technology workers who would be excellent long-term patent examiners. These unique qualities, among many others, make Colorado the perfect choice for a new office.

Sincerely,

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