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Director David Kappos
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-14501

Dear Director Kappos,

On behalf of ZeaChem Inc., please accept this letter as support for establishing a US Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) in Colorado. ZeaChem is a producer of advanced biofuels and bio-based chemicals, headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado. ZeaChem is an example of the strength of Colorado's new energy economy and other growing industrial clusters including aerospace, bioscience, telecommunications, and other high technology industries.

Currently, ZeaChem holds 11 US patents on its proprietary technology and has 5 patents pending and 11 provisional submissions. These patents protect ZeaChem's valuable intellectual property for the advancement of our innovative cellulosic biorefining technology. The establishment of a USPTO office in our state of Colorado will benefit not only ZeaChem but the myriad companies who are creating and developing disruptive technologies in various industries. Colorado is home to multiple federal laboratories, research universities, entrepreneurs and investors, which make the state a great place for ZeaChem to operate. In addition, these factors result in a large number of technology workers that could serve as excellent long-term patent examiners for companies such as ZeaChem.

Colorado's unique qualities, plus the high quality of life we experience, make Colorado the perfect choice for a new USPTO. If any additional recommendation of support is needed for this effort, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Regnery, SVP Government & Regulatory Affairs at 165 S. Union Blvd. – Suite 380, Lakewood, CO 80228-2257, (303) 248-7787, jregnery@zeachem.com.

Sincerely,

Jim Imbler

President and Chief Executive Officer