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

## Dear Director Kappos:

On behalf of the City of Arvada, we are writing to express our strong support for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office currently considering a regional location in the Metro Denver area. As you probably know, Colorado is home to multiple federal laboratories and research universities. As a result, you will be able to access a large pool of talented technology, professional, and support staff for your regional office. Colorado's central location and Mountain Time zone offer extended communication coverage advantages across the country. You will also have easy access to our international airport with over 160 non-stop destinations daily.

Colorado is nationally recognized for its high quality of life, over 300 days of sunshine, and healthy lifestyle. As importantly, Colorado is an innovative State - developing industry clusters which includes energy, aerospace, bioscience, telecommunications, and other high technology industries. Recently Forbes recognized Colorado as one of the top five states for business.

Great things are happening in Colorado. We invite your team to join us and be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Marc Williams, Mayor of Arvada, Colorado

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