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Mr. David Kappos  
Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Mr. Kappos:

I understand that the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is considering opening a regional satellite office, and Redefine Technologies would like to express its support for locating that office in Denver, CO. Redefine Technologies is a small business dedicated to advancing new technologies. Our core business is commercializing new innovations by taking Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) type technologies, getting them out of the laboratory and into use for the commercial, civil and military space industry.

One of the key success factors for our company is the ability to take existing technologies that were produced for one particular use, and re-purpose them for another. We have done this with technology from the University of Colorado and from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). Our first major step in this process is to protect our new intellectual property (IP) and investigate the IP already established.

A more central location of a U.S. Patent & Trademark Office will directly support these efforts and facilitate the commercialization of new innovations and the creation of new jobs in the U.S. Western region. For example, we can visit the new office within our state to do the research we need to make the determination whether a technology is worth pursuing.

In addition to the advantages for entrepreneurial innovators, there are many advantages of a Denver PTO location to university students, faculty members, and technology transfer offices in the Western region. It is clear that many of the younger faculty and graduate student researchers are more entrepreneurially minded than previous generations. A more centrally located USPTO will, again, expedite the patent examination process and reduce the overhead costs to universities that are already operating within very tight budgets.

In summary, Redefine Technologies strongly support locating a USPTO regional office in Denver. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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