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Azam Khan
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Mail Stop Office of Under Secretary and Director
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Re: U.S.P.T.O. Satellite Office

Dear Mr. Khan,

Silicon Laboratories enthusiastically supports the selection of Austin as a satellite office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Silicon Labs is a publicly-held fables semiconductor company formed and headquartered in Austin in 1996. Austin's central location in the southern United States and the State of Texas and large airport (recently ranked as the best airport in the U.S. by the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) passenger survey) offers ease of access and accessibility. With the great engineering schools of the University of Texas and Texas A&M, there is world-class research and engineering talent in the Austin area. The area's beauty and livability also makes it easy to attract talent. As an example, our engineering team includes PhDs and Masters from top U.S. and international programs such as Stanford, M.I.T., Rice, Cornell, Georgia Tech, Michigan, Purdue and Notre Dame, just to name a few. All these factors all contribute to make Austin one of the hotbeds of high-tech entrepreneurship in the United States.

Silicon Labs is proud to represents this entrepreneurial technology mindset commonly found in Central Texas. We actively pursue patent applications and place an emphasis on the protection of intellectual property; routinely ranking among the most active U.S.P.T.O. patent users. We believe Austin would be an ideal centralized satellite office for the U.S.P.T.O. Our company is eager to offer any assistance we might be asked to provide to the U.S.P.T.O. in this effort.

Sincerely,

Néstor Ho
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
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