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Dear Director Kappos and Mr. Khan:

On behalf of the the State of Colorado, please find attached the signed Joint Resolution 12-008, Concerning the State of Colorado's support for locating a patent office in the Denver metro area, adopted by the Colorado Assembly during the 2012 legislative session. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephanie O'Malley  
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Dear Ms. O'Malley:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution 12-008, *Concerning the State of Colorado's support for locating a patent office in the Denver metro area*, adopted by the Colorado General Assembly during the 2012 legislative session. This document is being sent to you in accordance with the provisions contained therein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindi Markwell".

Cindi Markwell  
Secretary of the Senate

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12-008

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CONCERNING THE STATE OF COLORADO'S SUPPORT FOR LOCATING A PATENT OFFICE IN THE DENVER METRO AREA.

WHEREAS, The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is currently gathering information on potential locations for future USPTO satellite offices, which the USPTO has been directed to establish under Section 23 of the "Leahy-Smith America Invents Act"; and

WHEREAS, An initial satellite office is slated to open in Detroit, Michigan, and, subject to available resources, the USPTO will establish at least two more satellite patent and trademark offices in other U.S. cities; and

WHEREAS, The USPTO is seeking to locate future offices in an area of the country that offers a highly educated workforce, access to universities with strong engineering programs, public transportation

infrastructure and major airport access, quality of life and reasonable cost-of-living expenses, and the ability to share facilities with other established governmental operations, among other factors; and

WHEREAS, Colorado meets these criteria and offers many additional amenities that should appeal to the USPTO; and

WHEREAS, The State of Colorado fully supports and encourages the location of a satellite patent office in our fine state; and

WHEREAS, There are many reasons for choosing Colorado, first of which is that opening an office in Colorado will permit the USPTO to recruit and hire from some of the best candidates the U.S. has to offer; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to a large number of technology workers, and the technology workforce in Colorado is consistently ranked in the Top 10 in the U.S. in a number of important categories; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is ranked 2nd in the nation for percentage of workers with a Bachelor's Degree or higher, 6th for number of workers with Science and Engineering degrees per capita, and 11th for number of patents per 1,000,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Colorado also offers access to many research universities with strong and highly rated engineering and computer science programs, including the Colorado School of Mines, University of Colorado, University of Denver, and Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is a key center for innovation and market applications in renewable energy, advanced materials, and the responsible development of clean-burning natural gas; and

WHEREAS, The Denver metro region is home to the highest number of federal employees per capita outside of Washington, D.C., and, because of this, the region offers a unique ability to share facilities with other established governmental offices; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport, which is the largest airport in the U.S., has 14 carriers providing daily nonstop flights to over 160

cities, and the Regional Transportation District services the front range of Colorado with excellent public transportation, including bus and light rail service, that is part of a recent \$7.9 billion region-wide mass transit expansion; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is an extremely desirable place to live, and locating a patent office in Colorado would allow the USPTO to dramatically improve its ability to recruit and retain valuable employees; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's cities and towns appear frequently in national rankings of the best places to live and work as well as being among the most attractive venues in the nation for business development; and

WHEREAS, An unparalleled combination of spectacular scenery, recreational opportunities, moderate climate (annually, Colorado has more than 300 days of sunshine per year), excellent facilities for arts and culture, and world-class health care and public school systems make Colorado an ideal place to call home; and

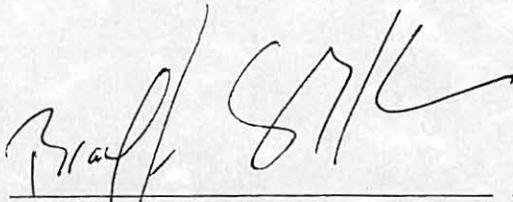
WHEREAS, In addition, access to an efficient and productive patent office is critical to Colorado companies and to the economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is eager and excited at the prospect of welcoming a satellite patent and trademark office to our state; now, therefore,

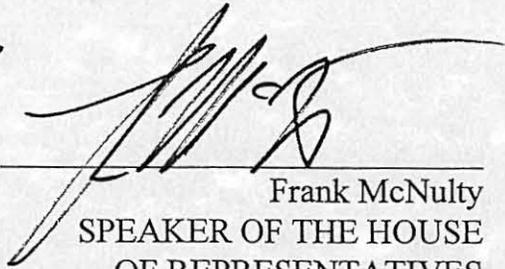
*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That we, the members of the General Assembly, formally express the State of Colorado's and the State Legislature's support for the location of a patent satellite office in our state, and encourage the USPTO to carefully consider all of the factors that make Colorado and the Denver metro area the ideal location for a new office.

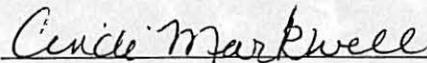
*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to USPTO Director David Kappos.



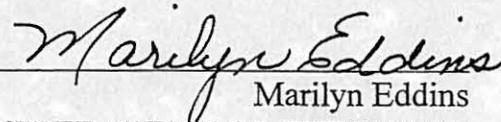
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