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The Honorable David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
US Department of Commerce
Madison Buildings (East & West)
600 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Response to Request for Comments: Nationwide Workforce Program
Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0066

Dear Under Secretary Kappos:

I am writing to express my support for the State of Connecticut's proposal to host a satellite office of the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

United Technologies enjoys a proud history of delivering innovation that makes modern life possible, from the inventions of indoor air condition by Willis Carrier to the safety elevator by Elijah Otis and practical helicopter flight by Igor Sikorsky. This tradition of innovation that launched entire industries continues today with the PurePower® PW1000G, Pratt & Whitney's revolutionary geared turbofan jet engine design that will bring unprecedented fuel economy, emissions reduction and operating cost savings to the global airline industry. UTC is proud to share its history with the State of Connecticut, home of UTC's corporate headquarters as well as an impressive cluster of manufacturing companies that produce high value, highly engineered products.

At the most fundamental level, UTC's businesses compete on the basis of technology innovation. The U.S. patent system provides a critical element of support to UTC and the area's other major companies and notable universities: helping to protect innovations globally. A regional Patent Office operating within the State of Connecticut would provide these institutions better access to USPTO resources and establish an attractive environ for legal talent to aggregate and prosper. In addition, the area is well known for its commitment to higher education, entrepreneurial activities and the many and varied benefits that being situated between Boston and New York provides.

A Hartford location would be an excellent way to meet the interests of the USPTO and the region's inventors and entrepreneurs, and I commend the proposal by the State of Connecticut to host such an office and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael McQuade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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