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David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Department of Commerce
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Dear Under Secretary Kappos:

It is my pleasure to urge your consideration of the City of Atlanta as a future regional site for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

As a leading urban research institution in the heart of downtown Atlanta, Georgia State University (GSU) serves as an important community and educational anchor that is helping to lead innovation and positive change. GSU is the second largest public university in Georgia serving more than 32,000 students, and has an economic impact on the metropolitan Atlanta area on the order of \$1.4B annually.

Georgia State University is recognized for its recent research focused growth in the fields of neuroscience, biotechnology and drug design, vaccine research, economic policy, public health, risk management, international business, and elementary and secondary education. Georgia State is home to the Parker H. Petit Science Center, a 350,000 square foot facility that provides state-of-the art technologies and facilities to support science and health professions instruction and research, as well as Collabtech, a business incubator fostering collaboration between Georgia State investigators and start-up biotechnology firms with the support from the Georgia Research Alliance.

The Georgia State University College of Law has expertise in all areas of intellectual property, including patent law, trademark law and copyright law, as well as licensing, cyberlaw and e-commerce. The College also maintains a number of intellectual property initiatives geared towards providing students with a comprehensive education on-campus and beyond in this dynamic and changing field.

Georgia State University joins with our other education and community partners in supporting this important effort. Atlanta can serve as an excellent home for the USPTO Regional Office, and we hope you will give careful consideration to the many benefits of locating this office in our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark P. Becker".

Mark P. Becker, Ph.D.
President