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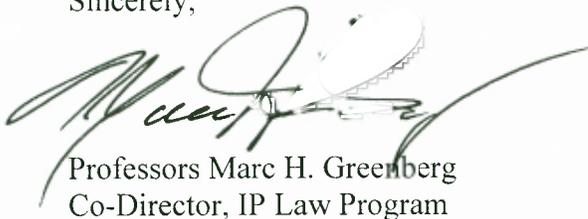
On behalf of the IP Law Program at the Golden Gate University School of Law, we would like to express our strong support for the establishment of a satellite patent office in Silicon Valley.

Having a new a regional office of the U.S.P.T.O. in Silicon Valley would be beneficial for a number of reasons. Perhaps most importantly, it would facilitate the expeditious examination of patents, thereby reducing the number of patents pending in the system. Moreover, it is especially appropriate to create a new satellite office in Silicon Valley precisely because this is where much of the innovation and patented inventions that have dramatically shaped the U.S. and world economies over the past decades have emanated.

A new satellite PTO office in Silicon Valley also makes much sense because the Bay Area is one of the most sophisticated and deep markets for intellectual property lawyers in the world. All of the Bay Area law schools have strong IP law programs that train hundreds of patent and IP lawyers each year, many of whom would welcome the opportunity to work with and for the PTO. Moreover, many of the Bay Area's law students would benefit from the opportunities to serve as externs and otherwise develop a relationship with the PTO.

We believe that collaboration between Silicon Valley inventors, IP lawyers, IP law students, and the USPTO is vital to innovation nationwide. Having a Silicon Valley satellite office would be an important step to fostering that innovation and the economic development such innovations provides.

Sincerely,



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