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Dear Mr. Kahn:

This letter is to express to you my organization's interest that you establish a satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Massachusetts to serve as a central location for the New England region.

The Boynton Angels invest in small start-up companies. As you may be aware, start-up companies tend to fuel the next generation of science and technology. Start-up companies rely heavily on the patent system to establish a competitive advantage in the marketplace, and angel investors, therefore, rely on the patent system to increase the value of their investments.

Massachusetts has a great number of start-up companies, in part because of the outstanding universities in Massachusetts and New England. As you may be familiar, professors and students that work in research environments often create companies based on their research, and angel investors often support such companies.

We believe having a USPTO satellite office here in Massachusetts (or a regional office anywhere in New England) would be a preferable alternative to the Alexandria, Virginia office for the companies in which our organization, and others in our region like ours, invest.

Other examples of financial facts about New England and Massachusetts that are relevant to our interests as angel investors include the following: Massachusetts received \$268 million from the Small Business Innovation Research program in 2009, which was by far the most money per capita than any other state; Massachusetts was the leader in per capita patents granted to private companies in 2009 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 561 per million residents; Massachusetts companies in 2005 raised the 2nd highest percentage of venture capital investments in the country at 10.3% and nearly twice as high as its nearest competitor, New York, at 5.2%.

While the foregoing data is useful quantitative data, we also qualitatively suggest that Massachusetts and New England lead the nation in strength of culture of science, technology, entrepreneurship, investment, and dedication to organizational achievement.

In summary, as investors, we highly leverage our patent portfolios to meet our objective goals and believe that Massachusetts would serve the USPTO well as a venue for a satellite office in meeting its objective goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,


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