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Director David Kappos
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Dear Director Kappos,

For more than 25 years, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association (COGA) has promoted the beneficial, efficient, responsible, and environmentally sound development, production and use of Colorado oil and natural gas.

As home to one of the country's two emerging shale oil plays, Colorado will participate in the transformation of our national energy security. COGA would like to encourage the Patent and Trademark Office to select Denver, a true hub of the oil and gas industry in the United States, as a location for a patent office. A local patent office will not only streamline innovation, but further increase Denver's effectiveness as a regional hub of oil and gas operations.

Technology advancement continues to increase our ability to identify and extract domestic energy while continually reducing the associated environmental footprint. Our state takes pride in our ability to educate, attract, and retain a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workforce. Our industries team with our state's universities regularly to meet the growing needs of both industry and education, creating a relationship which evolves to build the workforce our innovation requires.

We believe that Denver is an ideal location for a Patent and Trademark office. It would be our pleasure to speak with you concerning our suggestion should you wish to find out more about the energetic and robust oil and gas industry in Colorado or to discuss this proposal further.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tisha Conoly Schuller".

Tisha Conoly Schuller
President & CEO