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Dear Sir,

Patent quality can be enhanced by decentralizing the US Patent Office. Having branch PTO offices located in areas of business or academic concentration will attract more qualified people to the examiner corp. Certain branches can focus in particular areas. For instance, examination of semiconductor applications can be done at the Silicon Valley PTO branch while biotech applications can be examined at the Research Triangle PTO branch. Additionally, a program can be created for facilitating third party prior art submissions, and a program can be crafted for "quest examiners", examiners who have proven technical experience.

Respectfully,

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