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Gentlefolk,

I am a member of the Patent Bar (Registration # 41645) and even though I have not had the privilege of prosecuting a patent, I have lived and worked in the San Francisco bay area for more than 30 years.

Silicon Valley, the nickname given to northern Santa Clara county and southern San Mateo county, is the home to an enormous number of high technology firms. As you are well aware a significant fraction of all of the patents issued and applied for come from the San Francisco bay area, and Silicon Valley in particular.

The USPTO should establish a satellite office here. By locating here, closer to the center of technological development in the country, you will be able to recruit knowledgeable examiners and you will be able to keep abreast of developments in technology that may enable the PTO to perform its essential task better.

Detroit was obviously a political choice. Now it is time to locate a satellite office where people understand the good that good patents can do, and the harm that bad patents can cause.

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