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David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Department of Commerce
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Under Secretary Kappos:

I trust that this letter finds you well. As we talked about when we hosted you here at Synopsys, Inc., last year, on behalf of Synopsys, Inc., I would like to formally express our support for a satellite patent office in Silicon Valley. Establishing a regional office in Silicon Valley would facilitate reducing the number of pending patents in the system and enhance communication between the USPTO and the patent applicant community due to the availability of technology experts in the region and reducing travel time between applicants and examiners.

Our company files hundreds of foreign and U.S. applications annually. The quicker our pending patents are processed, the better our company can continue to compete in the innovation space. An office here in the Valley would reduce the time to file and most importantly allow our engineers to develop close working relationships with patent examiners to ensure the approval of high quality patents.

If a satellite office were to be located here, our company would be able to partner with the USPTO to help educate patent examiners on cutting edge technologies. We believe that collaboration between Silicon Valley inventors and the USPTO is vital to refining the patent application process overall and maximizing innovation nationwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian E. Cabrera".

Brian E. Cabrera
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