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Mr. Harris asked that we send you this letter on his behalf...

Director David Kappos:

California is a state rich in entrepreneurial capital, with an economy driven by innovation. California grants seventeen times more patents than the average of all other states. I urge the U.S. Patent Office to provide California with its own satellite office; the state provides rich occupational cluster, highly skilled patent attorneys, world renown universities, and advanced public transportation infrastructure.

In 2010, California received 30,080 patents – twenty five percent of all patents granted in the United States. New York, the second highest patent recipient, received 8,095 patents, roughly a quarter of the amount granted to California. These figures provide the stark reality that California is the prime candidate for a local patent office.

California is a key strategic location for a U.S. Patent Office (USPTO). Our state's economy is built on a foundation of top universities and a strong and vibrant entrepreneurial spirit. Our company InCube Labs shares in that spirit in that we incubate a number of medical device companies in the areas of cardiovascular, neurological, gastrointestinal and drug delivery devices to name a few. In the course of our work, we file a number of patent applications in these and other areas.

A local patent office will bring great benefit to California business, while providing abundant support to the USPTO. California is the transportation hub of the west coast, and can provide service to neighboring states. Furthermore, the roughly 500,000 patents granted to California recipients over the last few decades are reason enough to support a local office.

The benefits of a satellite office in California would go beyond our borders. A more streamlined working relationship with the USPTO would expedite products to market thus creating a net gain to the national economy. I implore you to allow a local satellite office in California for the benefit of the entire nation.

Sincerely,

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