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Dear USPTO:

On behalf of Grandis, Inc., we would like to 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 on average 20 utility patent applications per year but the number of filing is increasing rapidly as we are developing the technology to be the mainstream in semiconductor industry. The life cycles of process technologies and products are short, often less than a year, while the average pendency of patents is more than three years. The more quickly 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 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 universities and 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,
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