

California Legislature

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Director David Kappos
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600 Dulany Street
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Re: PTO-C-2011-0066

Dear Director Kappos:

The purpose of this letter is to express the strong bipartisan support of the California State Legislature for the placement of a United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in California.

The State of California is at the forefront of our nation's innovation economy – with almost three times more patent filings and more universities with top ten schools in engineering, science and law than any other state as well as a population and economic landscape as diverse as the nation itself. These facts clearly showcase California as the state to locate a USPTO satellite office.

Innovation is woven into geography of California and the spirit of its citizens. From Northern California, the birthplace and incubator of biotechnology, high technology, and green technology to Central California, the home of much of our nation's food supply to Southern California, the pioneering leaders in the entertainment, biomedical, and aerospace industries, California entrepreneurs and companies continue to innovate and expand.

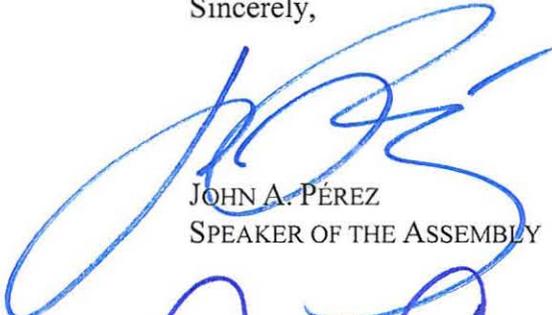
California's public and private universities are top ranked in engineering, the sciences, and the law. The graduates from these universities go on to support our innovation economy as researchers, administrators, and entrepreneurs. They also comprise the highly educated workforce needed to administer a USPTO satellite office. High ranking law firms specializing in the fields of intellectual property and patent law all have offices in California – a testament to the significance of our state to the future of the innovation economy in our country and the world



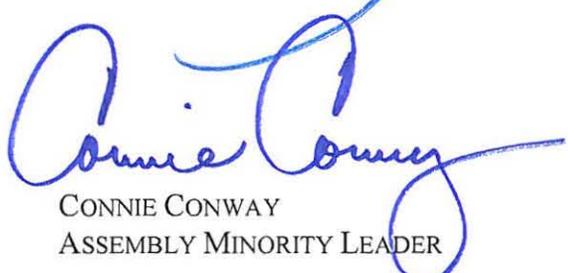
The landscape of our great state provides many options for the placement of an USPTO satellite office. All of major cities have well-established business networks and economic ties with Asia. Given that most of the foreign patent filings come from countries in Asia, California's proximity to the Pacific Rim is key.

We, the legislative leaders in California, remain committed to fostering the economic and business environment necessary to continue promoting the innovation economy in our state. We know that California is the place to locate a USPTO satellite office and stand ready to assist you in any way as your deliberations move forward.

Sincerely,



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Title:

Relative to economic development.

Subject:

Economic development.

Legislative Counsel's Digest

This bill would urge the United States Patent and Trademark Office to place a satellite office in California.

Digest Key

- **Fiscal Committee:** NO.
- **Urgency:** NO.
- **Tax Levy:** NO.

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Bill Text

WHEREAS, California is at the forefront of the innovation economy; and

WHEREAS, Northern California is the birthplace of biotechnology, inventors and leaders in high technology, and the burgeoning field of green technology; and

WHEREAS, Central California is home to much of our nation's food supply; and

WHEREAS, Southern California is home to pioneers and leaders of the entertainment industry, biomedical devices, and the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, California entrepreneurs and companies continue to innovate and expand; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, California received 30,080 patents, representing 25 percent of all patents granted in the United States and more than four times the number of any other state; and

WHEREAS, California has many of the top-ranked universities in the country for engineering, science, and the law that produce the educated workforce necessary to staff a satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, Many of the highest ranking law firms in intellectual property and patent law all have offices in California; and

WHEREAS, The landscape of California is incredibly diverse; and

WHEREAS, California is the transportation hub of the west coast with 11 ports, 29 commercial airports, 170 commuter trains, 38 intercity trains, and 16,662.16 miles of state highway; and

WHEREAS, Most of the foreign patent filings come from countries in Asia, and California's proximity to Asia is a key reason our major cities have well-established business networks within Asia; and, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of California stands committed to fostering the economic and business environment necessary to continue promoting the innovation economy in our state and urges the United States Patent and Trademark Office to place a satellite office in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to the author for appropriate distribution.