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To members of the Satellite Office Selection Committee of the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

I write to strongly urge your favorable consideration of San Diego for the placement of a satellite office of the US PTO. I am a professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, where we have a number of students who are very interested in the area of Intellectual Property Law, particularly with respect to Patents and Trademarks in bio-technology. Many of these students already have advanced degrees in various areas of science and have been working in this area at one of our large biotech companies. Most of these students are older and have families that are strongly involved in the schools and communities in San Diego. My concern is that many of these fine young innovative scientist-lawyers will not be able to stay in the San Diego area because so much of the legal work involving their specific interest needs to be located in areas closer to the government agencies that control the issuing of patents and trademarks. This increases the pressure on a shrinking job market for legal specialists in this area, and forces young legal talent to move to other regions of the country, already saturated with legal talent.

San Diego already has very close ties to the countries in the Pacific Rim with whom we have a substantial and growing trade. The ability of the numerous companies in the San Diego area that provide cutting edge ideas and products in the bio-tech and electronic technology fields to process applications and monitor progress of the applications through your office would be a substantial improvement in bringing important and innovative ideas and products to market. It would help stimulate the growth of high quality jobs in the private sector, and allow San Diego to keep some of its home-grown legal talent here where we need the energetic creativity.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns and hopes.

Sincerely,

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