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Dear Director Kappos,

I have been registered to practice before the USPTO since 1964. I started my career as an examiner in 1962.

I have headed up IP departments for 5 Fortune 500 companies, including Apple, National Semiconductor, Medtronic, Data General and Bally. In addition I have co-founded two startups, both in Silicon Valley. In 1993, Kevin Rivette and I co-founded SmartPatents which later became Aurigin Systems, Inc. We created the Aureka platform for managing, analyzing and understanding patent portfolios in their competitive landscape. In 2004, my son Matthew Rappaport and I co-founded a patent analytics company located in Berkeley, CA which provides competitive patent landscape analysis and subscriptions to our PatentCAM™ current awareness and monitoring services and our newly introduced CleanTech PatentEdge™ database subscription service. These services are available to patent firms, companies, investment firms, universities and other organizations interested in patent services. I am a named co-inventor on 26 issued U.S. patents and have been a member of the IAM250: World's Leading IP Strategists since 2009.

I strongly urge the USPTO to open its next satellite office in Silicon Valley where so much innovation and patent filings take place every day. We represent one of the great centers of innovation and are a gateway to Asia. It would be a very strategic location for your next satellite office.

Sincerely,

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