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The Honorable David Kappos
Under Secretary of Intellectual Property and
Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Madison Building
600 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Director Kappos:

I am writing in response to the Federal Register Notice for a Request for Comments on Additional USPTO Satellite Offices for the Nationwide Workforce Program (Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0066).

I would like to provide you with additional letters of support from Colorado business leaders for a USPTO satellite office in Colorado. In addition to the Colorado package that was submitted on Friday, January 27th, these letters continue to support the strong and growing interest from Coloradans. These letters are from emerging to established companies representing the aerospace, financial, technology, bioscience, investor, legal, and construction sectors.

As I have stated in my previous correspondence, I support USPTO efforts to establish new satellite offices in strategically placed locations that can provide a meaningful boost to the economy. Regional offices will help connect inventors with patent examiners, and enhance the USPTO's ability to recruit and retain qualified examiners.

Colorado offers an attractive setting with an affordable cost of living to help recruit and retain talented patent examiners. A satellite office would increase opportunities for a diverse, highly qualified and educated population to enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. And again, the state's central location would allow the USPTO convenient opportunities to educate innovators across the West, Midwest, and Rocky Mountain regions.

As you will read from the letters, there is remarkable interest from the USPTO stakeholders in my state for there to be a satellite office in Colorado. I strongly believe that a Colorado satellite office would offer countless benefits to the USPTO, inventors, executives, and investors.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator