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Mr. David Kappos
Director, US Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Director Kappos:

I am writing to express the support of United Launch Alliance for establishing a US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Colorado. Colorado is home to a number of technology industries positioned for increased outreach activities – better connecting patent filers and innovators with the USPTO.

Colorado has a number of growing highly technical industries, to include: Aerospace; energy; biosciences; and telecommunications. Each one of these industries is responsible for sustaining and growing jobs throughout the United States. These industries also make up a majority of patents filed each year with the USPTO. Moreover, Colorado is also home to multiple federal laboratories and research universities and, as a result, our state offers a large number of technology workers who could serve as excellent long-term patent examiners. These factors, coupled with the large number of technology workers in the state, serve as key reasons to locate a satellite USPTO in the state.

In 2011, *Money Magazine* named Louisville, Colorado as the 'best place to live in America'. In 2010, three Colorado cities finished in the top 20 of Money Magazine's 'best places to live.' Positioning a USPTO satellite office in Colorado will bring significant benefits to the recruitment and retention of patent examiners, improve patent examiners' quality of life and, therefore, decrease the backlog of patent applications. Colorado offers safe environments for families, terrific schools, as well the country's best outdoor activities.

Furthermore, positioning a USPTO office in Colorado will bring significant economic benefit to the entire state. This new office would bolster the morale and job opportunities for the many engineers our outstanding universities graduate each year and also support large US industries, such as aerospace/defense and medicine.

I wholeheartedly support USPTO establishing a new satellite office within the great state of Colorado and believe the long-term benefits will make this endeavour efficient and significant to our nation's continued growth.

Sincerely,

