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Mr. David Kappos
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dear Director Kappos,

Stratom, Inc. respectfully encourages the U.S. Patent Trade Office to select Denver metro area for its next satellite office.

The Denver region, in which Boulder and Stratom are located, hosts a large number of companies and industries that contribute to national markets, as well as leading research and innovative efforts. Industries such as information technology, aerospace, biotech, and telecommunications are present in the area, and continue to make large impacts both locally and globally.

Not only is the area rich in industry, it is supported by Colorado universities, which receive hundreds of millions of dollars in funding each year. This research and innovation is also a significant driving force for the metro area's diverse product development and technological advancements, which extend to national and global markets.

Stratom has had the opportunity to work on several projects, including the development and production of a counter IED (Improvised Explosive Device) robotic system, which has been implemented both nationally and internationally. Small companies like Stratom, which provide global services and products, would undoubtedly benefit greatly from a USPTO office in the Denver area.

The institutions in this region are not the only important factor, however. The people who comprise the workforce in the Denver metro area are highly talented, well educated, and driven. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Boulder metropolitan area is ranked number one of most educated metro areas, and is listed fourth in the U.S. for the percentage of residents with a bachelor's or higher-level degree.

Denver's location and available jobs in many different industries and research institutions draw people from around the world. Our strong workforce is derived from the opportunities provided, as well as Denver's attractive location. The metro area features a diverse landscape, as well as people who strive to maintain a high quality of life. This allows industry to flourish, and gives employers an advantage when recruiting and retaining employees.

Stratom hopes this letter expresses some of the significant advantages of a USPTO satellite office location in the Denver metro area. This location is extremely influential, which is demonstrated by the



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ambitious, highly educated, and talented workforce, along with Denver's enormous global impacts, and high quality of life.

Thank you for considering the Denver metro area as a location for your next satellite office. Please feel free to contact me for more information about our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark D. Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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