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U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
Attn: Director David Kappos  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-14501

RE: Satellite U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Dear Mr. Kappos and the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office:

Arapahoe County is committed to promoting strong economic development in the State of Colorado and values the benefits of economic success one entity can bring to the entire state.

Colorado is a vibrant, growing community with an attractive quality of life. Colorado is home to several expanding industries including energy, aerospace, bioscience, telecommunications and several other high tech industries. Colorado is also home to multiple federal laboratories and research universities, which create a large number of highly trained technology workers; skills which would serve the patent office well both short and long term.

Colorado's abundant sunshine, beautiful mountains, and easy-to-access trails offer its residents an excellent quality of life, unmatched by its neighboring states. This quality of life brings in thousands of new residents each year, most of them also highly trained and educated, and once they're here, they do not want to leave.

Arapahoe County firmly supports a satellite U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in the State of Colorado.

Sincerely,

Nancy N. Sharpe  
Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, Chair

cc: Senator Mark Udall