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**Re: Nationwide Workforce Program: Response to Request for Comments
Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0066**

Dear Mr. Khan:

I am writing to express Rib-X Pharmaceuticals' support for the State of Connecticut's proposal to host a satellite office of the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Rib-X Pharmaceuticals is a biotechnology company located in New Haven, Connecticut. We are developing broad spectrum antibiotics with superior coverage, safety, and convenience to deliver new standards of care for patients with serious infections. As a biotechnology company we rely on strong patent protection for our innovative technology.

The establishment of a Connecticut satellite office would be an excellent way for the USPTO to meet its objectives to advance important technology development in this Country and to also better serve the Northeast region's high concentration of technology companies, research universities, and entrepreneurs. Rib-X therefore strongly supports Connecticut's proposal to host a satellite office.

Thank you for your consideration of the Connecticut application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P.P. Leuchtenberger', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Leuchtenberger
President and CEO

cc: A.D. Sabatelli, Ph.D., J.D.