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David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Department of Commerce
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600 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Under Secretary Kappos,

It is with great pleasure that the City of Atlanta responds to the Request for Comment issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) within the United States Department of Commerce. I believe Atlanta is the best site for the USPTO's Southern Patent and Trademark Office. Atlanta is home to a variety of world-renowned education and research facilities that specialize in training the engineers and lawyers of the future.

Additionally, Atlanta attracts talent from all over the world who come here for quality of life, educational and business opportunity. As the capital of the Southeastern United States, Atlanta is a place where many innovation clusters converge – bringing together industries, companies and institutions. Atlanta possesses all of the attributes needed for 21st century economic growth and competitiveness.

Atlanta is making bold, strategic decisions to ensure that that Atlanta is contributing to national economic recovery and I believe strongly that the Patent and Trademark Office would benefit greatly from establishing an Atlanta location.

Should you have any questions regarding this great city and the assets it has to offer the Patent and Trademark Office, please do not hesitate to call Brian McGowan, President and CEO, with Invest Atlanta at 404-880-4100 or my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kasim Reed', written over a white background.

Kasim Reed