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Azam Khan,
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Re: PTO-C-2011-0066; Nationwide Workforce Program

Dear Mr. Khan:

I am a cancer pharmacologist with 11 years of combined experience in academic, clinical and pharmaceutical research. Having earned an advanced degree in Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience, I was drawn to Massachusetts because my highly specialized skill set focused my options for gaining employment following graduate school. Specifically, my education was directed to working in pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, which are heavily concentrated in this state.

Like my colleagues in cancer research, I chose this career path to help deliver safe and effective therapeutics to patient care. Given that the sustainability of our research efforts remains highly dependent on the success of our organization's intellectual property assets, I developed an interest in understanding the Patent Law system. In this regard, I pursued a law degree to study Patent Law and earned a J.D. in 2011.

I have had a long-held belief that pursuing a career as a Patent Examiner would be an excellent use of my skills and experience. I have both the academic credentials and technical experience to understand and efficiently evaluate patent applications for pharmaceutical inventions, as well as, the legal training to enable me to communicate my findings and decisions effectively to practitioners and inventors. Furthermore, I have the desire to contribute to the process of protecting innovation within Life Sciences, which has been and remains my steadfast goal in pursuing this second career path. As a first generation Filipino immigrant, I am looking to contribute to and be part of the innovation fabric in America, and I think that I can accomplish that by working at the U.S.P.T.O.

In Massachusetts, there are other dedicated scientists and engineers like me who want to participate in the patent process but are unable to relocate to Alexandria, VA. If the U.S.P.T.O. were to open a satellite location here in Massachusetts, the Office would have access to people who want to foster innovation by serving the large scientific community here as Patent Examiners. Furthermore, due to the constant restructuring of biotech and pharmaceutical companies in the area, there are continually a number of scientists who are looking to make a career change and would be thrilled to serve as Patent Examiners while applying their solid scientific background to evaluating inventions.

Also, there is a large talent pool of innovative engineers in Massachusetts who would benefit from more direct contact with the USPTO. For instance, due to the current difficulty of access to the U.S.P.T.O., engineers who are presently building upon their innovations are reluctant to share their ideas through the patent system because of an inability to pay for the cost of communication and travel to the Washington D.C. area. This problem would be vastly improved if engineers and inventors were able to progress through the patenting process knowing that they could work directly with a U.S.P.T.O. office that is within driving distance.

By opening a satellite office here, the Office will not only provide a great service to the highly skilled workforce, it will also gain loyal employees and customers. Thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,
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Petition for USPTO Satellite Location in Massachusetts/New England

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