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RE: National Workforce Program – PTO-C-2011-0066

Dear Mr. Khan:

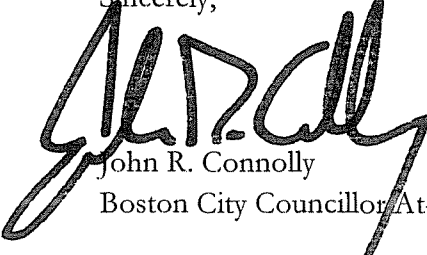
I am writing in strong support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) selecting Massachusetts as one of its three locations to establish a satellite office per Section 23 of the *America Invents Act*.

The Greater Boston area would be ideal for such an office with an already well-established and thriving community of patent professionals. As you know, Massachusetts has an impressive network of high tech, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and pharmaceutical companies along with our world-class colleges, universities, and hospitals.

Much of our region's economic engine is familiar with and relies on interaction with the USPTO. Having a satellite office in Massachusetts would further encourage the formation of new industries and start-ups and create long-term jobs. Our innovation economy would greatly benefit from a regional office in our Commonwealth, and I am similarly confident that the USPTO would find a rich pool of talent in our highly skilled workforce.

I know that Boston would welcome a USPTO satellite office and I strongly urge you to consider our city and our state as a candidate. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



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