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Mr. David Kappos
Director
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Director Kappos:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter in support of locating a satellite United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in North Carolina.

LORD Corporation is a global technology and manufacturing company with corporate headquarters in Cary, North Carolina. We employ more than 2,700 individuals in twenty-four countries, operate fifteen manufacturing facilities worldwide and in five U.S. states, and annually invest ten percent of our sales into new research and development.

Our corporate headquarters in Cary houses our Global Technology leadership that directs our research and development, as well as our legal team that manages and protects LORD Corporation's intellectual property.

Having access to a local USPTO that reviews our chemical and manufacturing patent applications would benefit LORD Corporation and other companies like ours. There is no replacement for face-to-face dialog with your examiners. In-person interviews would allow for a more effective and substantive exchange of information that would greatly decrease the amount of time we presently must dedicate to moving our patent applications forward, and would thus promote economic development in North Carolina.

I urge you to give favorable consideration to locating a satellite USPTO in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Will Austin
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