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Dear USPTO:

On behalf of our board of directors and the over 530 members of the Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico who they represent, we would like to strongly encourage you to select Albuquerque for your new regional satellite patent and trademark office. It is our belief that the Albuquerque metropolitan area represents a unique location for one of your new regional offices. While Albuquerque possesses extraordinary assets because of the presence of one of the country's National Labs, the state's flagship university (UNM), an unexpectedly number of high-tech companies, and significant intellectual capacity, we are short on meaningful economic opportunities. Quite simply, it is our belief that these attributes tied to the availability of highly-qualified workers anxious for jobs offers not only a logical and fortuitous location for a regional satellite office for the USPTO, but also a metropolitan area that would embrace the opportunity.

Given our intellectual and technological capacity we are also all about innovation and creativity as is evidenced by the disproportionate number of high-tech patents held in this region. We are a culture of discovery and innovation, and that could represent a highly-supportive environment for this regional office and the mission it serves.

Lastly, I will close on a more personal note by indicating that one of the most attractive and alluring things about our city is not only our innumerable days of sunshine and recreation, but also homes and architecture that is nationally-recognized for its uniqueness and warmth. We look forward to welcoming the USPTO to Albuquerque. Please let me know if I can provide any information whatsoever on housing in our metropolitan area that will assist in your decision. Thank you.

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