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Mr. Khan:

I am writing to voice my strong support for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) selecting the Albuquerque Metro Area for a new satellite USPTO location.

Because of our close proximity to several federal research laboratories and our location in the growing Mountain West region, Albuquerque is a perfect candidate for a satellite office.

New Mexico has been the cradle of innovation and invention in our nation during the nuclear age. And, with our renewable energy potential and a commercial spaceport nearing completion, New Mexico promises to be a hotbed of technological advancement for decades to come.

In addition, New Mexico offers a fantastic climate, exemplary outdoors activities, and a rich and diverse culture that makes living here a joy.

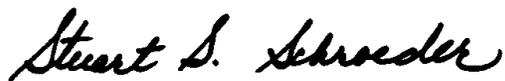
But more than just quality of life, New Mexico is also home to several outstanding research universities including:

- The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, which has been at the forefront of Homeland Security research and technologies.
- The University of New Mexico, which is home to a leading health sciences research facility as well as strong engineering schools.
- And New Mexico State University, which is continually breaking new ground in the field of agriculture research and innovation.

Clearly, I am biased in favor of Albuquerque and New Mexico.

But, if you were to take an unbiased look at all we have to offer, I believe the Albuquerque region shines and has great potential to be the home of a new satellite USPTO.

Regards,



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