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Dear Mr. Khan,

On behalf of Dewey Cave, the Executive Director of the Mid-Region Council of Governments, a four-county planning and development district in central New Mexico, I would like to urge you to select the Albuquerque metro area for a new regional satellite patent and trademark office.

I urge you to consider the Albuquerque Metro region for a number of reasons, first and foremost is the unique proximity of two National Laboratories, Sandia National Labs and the Air Force Research Lab. The region is interested in new start-up companies developed from lab-sponsored technologies and a regional patent and trademark office would facilitate more technology transfer, and reduce the backlog of patents pending.

Second is the presence of the University of New Mexico with its strong science and engineering programs as well as the successful technology commercialization support arm, STC.UNM. That organization provides support for new innovations, protects technologies developed at UNM, and connects entrepreneurs with venture capital. A patent and trademark office in Albuquerque could draw from the research and innovation occurring within the University of New Mexico.

Finally, the high percentage of PhD's in the region and the strong science and technology community means a pipeline of qualified workers for the patent office assuring high quality patent examinations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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