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Via email

Mr. Khan,

I understand that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is considering potential locations for future USPTO satellite offices as directed by the America Invents Act (AIA). I join U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, the University of New Mexico Science and Technology Corporation, Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc., and other allies in expressing our desire to see that a USPTO office is located in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area in New Mexico (population 907,755,000).

The establishment of an office in our area would increase outreach activities to better connect patent filers and innovators with the USPTO and would enhance the region's innovation activity, considering the large number of research and development facilities in New Mexico, including universities and national laboratories.

Additionally, a location in the Albuquerque area will enhance the USPTO's recruitment and retention efforts of a skilled workforce, as we enjoy great quality of life, transportation connectivity through air and rail, and a lower cost of living average.

Bernalillo is a semi-rural community within the Albuquerque Metropolitan area. Opportunities that enhance the region improve our ability to retain our unique community character and still provide an atmosphere conducive to entrepreneurial and intellectual capital development. This is such an opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Jack Torres
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