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The Honorable David Kappos
Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Mr. Kappos:

I am writing this letter in support of establishing a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Clark County, Nevada. Clark County is ranked as one of the top tourist destinations in the nation and host to many of the top trade shows. This would give the USPTO Patent Examiners direct access to many of the products they are examining. In 2010, Clark County hosted more than 18,000 conventions and approximately 4.5 million business professionals.

Clark County is much more than just the world famous Las Vegas Strip. We have a general population of 1.9 million residents and offer affordable housing at all market levels, as well as a low cost of living. Clark County has a diverse culture and offers many recreational and entertainment opportunities that support employee retention. Clark County also offers a temperate climate and lack of natural disasters that are a critical advantage for many high tech innovation centers.

Clark County is home to McCarran International Airport which has been ranked as the 8th busiest airport in North America. This would give the USPTO quick and easy access to much of the western states and beyond. Many airlines flying into McCarran offer frequent and daily inexpensive flights to many of the established tech centers such as the Silicon Valley, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles and Phoenix.

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I do strongly support the establishment of a new USPTO in Clark County. This will decrease the number of patent applications awaiting examination, therein improving the process overall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Brager". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susan Brager, Chair

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