



January 20, 2012

The Honorable David J. Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450 . Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Mr. Kappos,

On behalf of the Nevada Biotechnology & Science Consortium (NevBio) I am writing to support the expansion of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Las Vegas, Nevada.

NevBio is a non-profit organization that promotes biotechnology and science in Nevada.

Because Las Vegas hosts over 18,000 conventions per year including Consumer Electronics Show (150,000 attended), patent examiners would have the ability to attend conventions, present and learn about the latest innovations.

Las Vegas has great weather year-around and a great airport with numerous flights around the country. It has great internet pipes that run through the city from California to the East Coast.

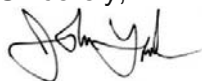
Las Vegas has good quality-of-life and low cost-of-living. Las Vegas has hiking trails, Lake Mead, Red Rock, Valley Fire and other parks. It is close to Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce.

Henderson (next door to Las Vegas) has highly-rated public schools and private schools. Las Vegas has magnet and highly-rated private schools.

Las Vegas has universities and research institutions including the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Desert Research Institute, Touro Medical School, Roseman School of Pharmacy, Nevada Cancer Institute and the Luo Ruvo/Cleveland Clinic Brain Institute.

I strongly endorse Las Vegas for the expansion of the United States Patent Office.

Sincerely,



John Laub, President