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State Representative

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Dear Director Kappos,

It is my honor to write to you to express my desire for Central Ohio to be chosen as the home of one of the new United States Patent and Trademark Office's satellite locations.

Central Ohio is one of the fastest growing regions in the Midwest and is brimming with potential. With a population of 1.8 million people, Central Ohio is home to a diverse and talented pool of individuals. As you may know, Central Ohio is home to twenty-seven colleges and universities serving 120,000 college students, including The Ohio State University one of the country's largest universities. Central Ohio has also done an excellent job of recruiting young professionals and retaining those graduating from our schools.

Central Ohio maintains a strong economic outlook and has continually shown steady economic growth. For example, the City of Columbus touts an unemployment number of 7.6%, well below the state and national average.

Central Ohio is home to fifteen Fortune 500 companies including Cardinal Health, Nationwide, American Electric Power, and Limited Brands. Central Ohio is home to Batelle, which manages some of the world's leading national laboratories. In the past several years, *Forbes.com* has named Central Ohio as one of America's Best Housing Markets, one of the Best Places for Business and Careers and the nation's #1 Up and Coming Tech City.

The combination of a well-educated young population working with industry leaders on the products of tomorrow makes Central Ohio a premier location for a USPTO satellite location. An office in Central Ohio would reduce patent application dependency, improve quality and enhance communication between the USPTO and the patent applicant community. Perhaps most importantly, a satellite office in Central Ohio will further the progress our community has made in training, retraining, and attracting a highly skilled workforce.

Thank you for your consideration and if you should have any questions please feel free to call me personally at 614-466-1896.

Sincerely,


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