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To Whom It May Concern,

SAM Medical Products is a developer and manufacturer of medical devices sold in the US and in 88 countries worldwide. Securing intellectual property is crucial to our present and future business. Just about all of our patents and trademarks are utilized in commercially available technology and sold under our SAM Medical brand. Currently we have 14 US patents issued, 5 U.S. patent applications in review and 15 US trademarks. We also have 8 foreign patents issued and 11 foreign patent applications in review.

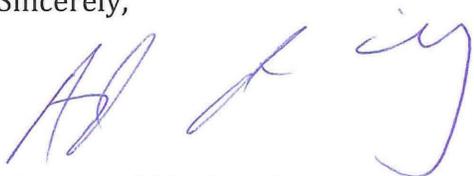
Portland and the state of Oregon in general have a rapidly emerging medical device, biotech and pharma sector and along with bio technology invention and development at the universities. As a result, the number of patent applications has risen dramatically over the past few years.

SAM Medical and many other businesses and organizations believe patent filers in Oregon would benefit from a satellite office in Oregon. Our belief is that an office here would allow for better communication, being on the same time zone, with the additional belief in seeing accelerated examination times and quality.

Oregon's business and institutions are generally highly interconnected. As such, outreach to better connect patent filers and innovators with the PTO should be easily achieved. The community and region would welcome it. Retention and recruitment of patent examiners should be much easier than other locations across the nation due to the exceptional quality of life, culture, environment and affordable cost of living Oregon has to offer.

I urge you to seriously consider locating a satellite office of the USPTO in Oregon.

Sincerely,



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