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The Honorable David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
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Dear Director Kappos:

As the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office continues the process of determining where to locate new patent and trademark offices, I write today to urge you to locate one of these offices in Oregon.

As you may know, Intel Corporation is one of many technology leaders that have located major facilities in Oregon. Intel's operations in Oregon stretch across six campuses west of Portland in Washington County. The six campuses comprise Intel's largest and most comprehensive site in the world—a global center of semiconductor research and manufacturing and the anchor of Oregon's economy. Intel has approximately 16,000 employees in Oregon, making it the state's largest private employer, and continues to grow with the construction of a brand new development fabrication facility at this site. Intel's capital investments in Oregon have exceeded \$20 billion and the economic prosperity of the region is one reason why Intel continues to invest there. A patent and trademark office will continue to add to the region's growing reputation as a place for innovative businesses to locate and grow.

As a major hub for innovation and R&D for Intel and other companies, Oregon continues to attract and retain the best talent in the world. The Portland metropolitan area has a significant concentration of scientists and engineers. It is also no surprise that the Portland region ranks 15th nationwide in patents issued from 2006 to 2010 and on a per capita basis, it ranks 6th. With a large number of Intel's one thousand plus patent applications originating from Oregon, having an office in state would hopefully facilitate interaction between the examining corps and the inventor community.

In selecting Oregon for a satellite office, the U.S. Patent and Trademark office will be able to take advantage of this pool of talented workers, as well as offering a region at the forefront of innovation enhanced access to patent examiners familiar with our region's intellectual property.

Intel's goal is to help Oregon and the U.S. lead the world in innovation, and we look forward to working with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as this site selection process continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Kappos", written over a horizontal line.

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