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The Honorable David Kappos
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Dear Mr. Kappos,

We strongly urge you to choose Memphis, TN as a regional satellite office for the U. S. Patent and Trademark Offi ce as you look to select additi onal sites. Memphis is an important medical research center and home to nationally recognized hospitals, uni versi ties and medical device manufacturers.

Memphis is the proud home to a growing pediatric research communi ty. Here at Le Bonheur Children's Hospi tal in partnership with the Uni versity of Tennessee Heal th Science Center, we currently have 44 clinical and research fellows, 11 patents and 5 patents pending. St. Jude Children's Research Hospi tal is also located in Memphis employing approxi mately 300 research fellows. They have received 14 patents wi thin the last 2 years. With both facili ties planning to expand research space in the coming year, Memphis is positioned to grow its highly educated workforce which will increase the number of patent submissions from our regi on.

There are many other reasons why Memphis will be an ideal location for a patent and trademark offi ce. Medical device manufacturers Smith and Nephew, Medtronic and Wright Medical are located here, all conducting a high level of patent acti vity. Memphis is also a regional center for education with the Uni versity of Tennessee Heal th Science Center, the Uni versity of Memphis, the Uni versity of Mi ssissippi and Arkansas State Uni versity in close proximity. With the global headquarters for FedEx, rai lway intermodal facili ties and the country's 4 largest inland port, Memphis is considered a leading national and international transportation hub.

Memphis is a city on the move and continues to build on its reputation for medical research and entrepreneurship. We strongly urge you to select Memphis as a location for a regional patent offi ce.

Respectfully,

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