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Re: *USPTO Satellite Office*

Dear Mr. Khan:

The lawyers of Pirkey Barber LLP support the selection of Austin as a satellite office of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Pirkey Barber LLP is one of the largest firms in the United States specializing in trademark law. As such, we interact with the USPTO on a daily basis, and we understand the need for the USPTO to attract and retain a knowledgeable and talented workforce. We believe that few cities, if any, can match Austin in its appeal to such a workforce.

In our Austin headquarters we have 14 trademark lawyers who came to Austin from colleges and universities across America, among them Notre Dame, Iowa, Penn State, Cornell (2), Stanford, USC, Brigham Young, Boston University, Rice, Tulane and of course, the University of Texas. Our lawyers came to Austin for the same reason outstanding young lawyers and engineers will come to Austin to work for the USPTO: it is a great place to live. Austin is a city that welcomes newcomers and where those newcomers readily find colleagues in their peer group. In addition to the newcomers, there exists a talented pool of engineering, scientific and legal talent already in (and desiring to stay in) the Austin area. We regularly receive inquiries from law students interested in intellectual property law and from IP attorneys across the country seeking to practice with us.

Our firm is eager to offer any assistance we might be asked to provide to the USPTO in this effort. Please call on us if we can help.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louis T. Pirkey', is written over a printed name.

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