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Mr. David Kappos  
Under Secretary of Commerce for  
Intellectual Property and Director of the  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
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Re: Proposal for Seattle Satellite Office

Dear Director Kappos:

We are writing in support of the City of Seattle's proposal for locating a satellite office for the USPTO in Seattle as part of the Nationwide Workforce Program.

As a leading intellectual property law firm in the Pacific Northwest, Seed I.P. Law Group services many clients nationally and from around world. Of the five states in Region X, Washington is the gateway to the Asian and Australian continents, where many of our clients are located. Having a satellite USPTO office in Washington, particularly Seattle, would provide a convenient forum for foreign applicants who utilize Seattle as a travel hub. Because of Washington's substantial international commerce, it has the infrastructure and expertise to support a satellite office.

We join with the other prominent supporters in urging you to give careful consideration to the City of Seattle's proposal.

Sincerely,  
Seed IP Law Group PLLC

*Karl R. Hermanns*  
on behalf of:

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