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Director Kappos,

The Southeast Business Partnership (SEBP) is an organization of government and business leaders building economic foundations for the present and future economic vitality and sustainability of the South Metro Denver Region. As the preferred location for corporate headquarters in Colorado, SEBP believes that the South Metro Denver Region would be an ideal location for a satellite U.S. Trademark and Patent Office (USPTO).

As a center of innovation and growth in several industry clusters, Colorado would be an excellent location for the proposed USPTO satellite office. Energy, aerospace, bioscience, medical technology, telecommunications and other high technology industries already call Colorado home and would benefit from a USPTO office within close proximity, including the recent relocation of Arrow Electronics, one of the largest electronics companies in the world with many distribution and supply chains.

The South Metro Denver Region is known for a highly educated and talented workforce. Additionally, several federal laboratories and research universities are located in the Denver Metro Region. The staff of these existing institutions and the abundance of highly skilled technology workers offer an excellent talent pool to create new patents and draw from as long-term patent examiners.

In support of locating a USPTO satellite office in the Denver metro Region, SEBP has submitted available locations at Arapahoe Station and the RidgeGate developments, both along the I-25 corridor, for consideration. SEBP is looks forward to working with USPTO representatives on this exciting project.

We hope that you will take our strong support into account when making your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Fitzgerald", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Fitzgerald  
President/CEO  
Southeast Business Partnership