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RE: PTO-C-2011-0066; Nationwide Workforce Program

Dear Mr. Kappos:

It is with great enthusiasm that Boston area law firms are jointly writing this letter to you to encourage the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to establish a satellite office in Massachusetts pursuant to Section 23 of the America Invents Act.

A regional satellite office of the USPTO in Massachusetts would have access to seasoned engineers, scientists, and patent professionals who can become patent examiners. Further, Boston has renowned law schools providing day and evening programs that offer intellectual property courses. Having a satellite office in the greater Boston area would enable examiners to take such courses and allow the USPTO to recruit incoming talented professionals from such programs.

The New England area is proud of its reputation for employee loyalty, and such loyalty would help the USPTO achieve its goal to increase patent examiner retention. The Boston area law firms believe that, as the patent examiners in the New England regional satellite office become primary and supervisory examiners, the current high quality of patent examination would be maintained or even improved and with greater bandwidth.


The greater Boston area has a world-class public transportation system, which includes a major airport, regional airports, commuter rail, and bus and subway systems. This public transportation system has contributed to the growth in number and national stature of the Boston area hospitals, science and engineering companies, and law firms. Moreover, the convenience of travel between Alexandria and Boston would lend itself well to travel by satellite office examiners for training in Alexandria or travel by supervisory examiners to the regional satellite office in Massachusetts.

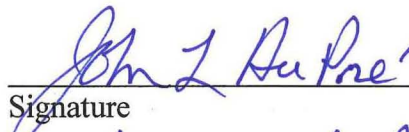
Massachusetts law firms are collegial and support a number of prominent organizations that provide continuing legal education seminars in diverse areas of intellectual property. Examples of such organizations include: The Boston Patent Law Association, Boston Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston IP Inn of Court, and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Corporation. Dozens of seminars each year would be available to examiners of a regional satellite office in Massachusetts.


Mr. David J. Kappos

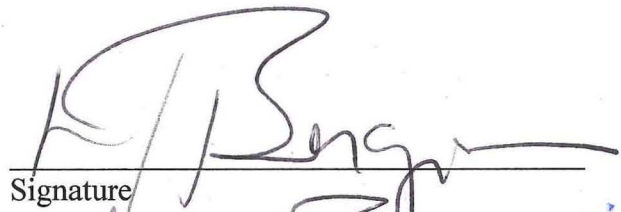
While the undersigned law firms are jointly signing this letter to you, we note that we do so on behalf of many other law firms, sole practitioners, and in-house counsel who collectively serve the needs of a vast number of stakeholders in the USPTO.

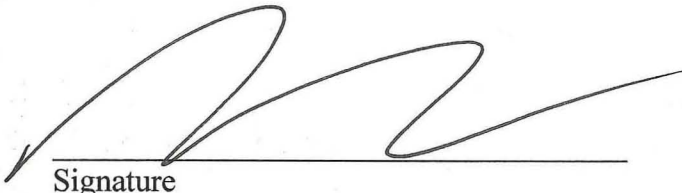
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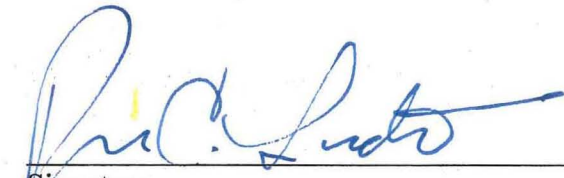
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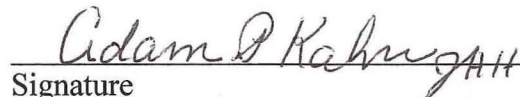
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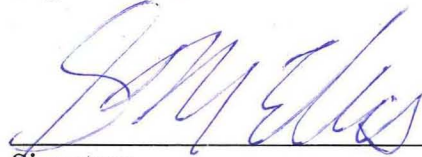
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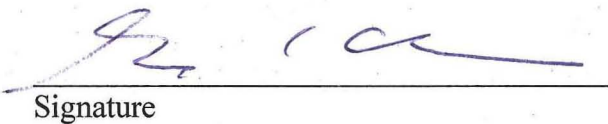
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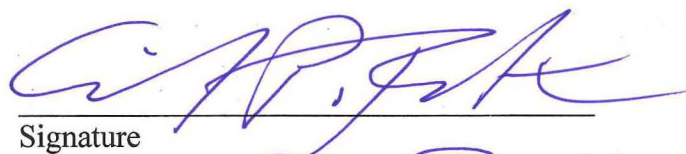
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