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Re: Satellite Patent Office in Silicon Valley

Dear USPTO:

On behalf of SAP, we would like to express our support for a satellite patent office in Silicon Valley.

Close proximity to the Patent Office brings greater access for Valley firms. As California represents a large percentage of overall filings with the USPTO (~25% of all annual patent filings originating in the US, 12x of patent grants of the average state, and 2nd largest state in trademark registrations), a local Patent Office should lead to more efficient execution of applications.

If a satellite office were to be located here, our company would be able to partner with universities and the USPTO to help educate patent examiners on cutting edge technologies. We would attract an excellent talent pool, as these potential patent examiners would not have to relocate to Detroit or Washington, D.C.

We believe that collaboration between Silicon Valley inventors and the USPTO is vital to refining the patent application process overall and maximizing innovation nationwide.

Best Regards,

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