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Honorable Michael J. Bennet
United States Senate
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Dear Honorable Michael Bennet:

I am writing this in support of a satellite USPTO Denver location. I am a registered patent attorney, and have been practicing patent and trademark law for over 21 years in Denver, Colorado. As a 1990 CU Law grad, I am aware of the high level of education that CU now provides for its law students in the area of intellectual property. I also serve on the board of the Colorado American Intellectual Property Inn of Court that was established in 2010, and I helped found its mentoring program in the Denver metro legal community that involves young attorneys as well as law students who are practicing or desire to practice law in the area of patents and other intellectual property.

I encourage establishing a satellite USPTO in the Denver metro region. The Denver - Boulder region has long supported a diverse and expanding community of technology-based industry, and certainly has a well-trained and well-educated technological workforce from the numerous universities and colleges in our state. Not only would a local USPTO serve our state's innovative and entrepreneurial community, it would be a source of high quality employment in the legal field for many well-trained professionals.

Thank you for your efforts in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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