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The Honorable David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
Director of United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Attn: Mr. Azam Khan

Dear Director Kappos and Mr. Khan:

The Xerox Corporation wishes to reiterate its support for the designation of Portland, Oregon as a destination for a satellite Patent and Trademark Office.

The Wilsonville, Oregon site of Xerox alone has been awarded or filed over 1000 patents and applications in the last decade (2000-2010). Having a PTO in Portland will make filing patents easier for us, our neighbors in Portland and Corvallis like HP and Intel, as well as our neighbors in the Bay and Seattle areas. Having a PTO near will lessen the time and effort (a transcontinental flight) to resolve issues and hence speed the process. We also believe that the opportunity for PTO staff to visit local innovators will create an opportunity to improve the patent examination process.

The relative low cost of living and attractive environs have always made the Portland area a choice place to live on the west coast. Portland is a friendly, safe, vibrant, livable, small city with many of the attractions of a larger city and few of the problems. Within a couple hours drive are a scenic coast line and some of the best snow skiing anywhere. One of the reasons Portland enjoys a high unemployment and underemployment rate is that many highly technical trained people are reluctant to move away from the area when their jobs are eliminated because they appreciate the northwest lifestyle so much. We believe PTO will be able to retain examiners and good source of staffing for a Portland based PTO.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,