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Director David Kappos  
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Dear Director Kappos,

Please accept this letter of support for the initiative to bring a USPTO satellite office to Colorado.

I am a bit of an odd duck: I am simultaneously an entrepreneur serving other entrepreneurs via my company Valid Evaluation, and a frequent and enthusiastic volunteer in our state's many economic development initiatives. I am a customer of the PTO with a current provisional patent on file, and I see hundreds of early stage companies come through organizations like the Cleantech Open and NREL's Industry Growth Forum.

Because I have a national perch in my role as national judging co-chair for the Cleantech Open, I can tell you that the technologies coming out of Colorado are both numerous and very strong. We would benefit greatly from a satellite office and staffing would be easy for your organization here, given the rich pool of talented engineers and patent attorneys that call Colorado home.

As the financial, intellectual and innovation hub of the US Rocky Mountain Region, Denver would make a great choice for one of your new locations.

Please consider our city serious in your search for new locations.

Best,  
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