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Katherine K. Vidal
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Via email: ListeningSession@uspto.gov

Re: Invitation and Request for Stakeholder Meeting

Dear Director Vidal:

The National Association of Patent Practitioners (NAPP) congratulates you on your confirmation to serve as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Founded in 1996, NAPP is a nonprofit trade association composed of hundreds of patent practitioners throughout the United States and worldwide. Most of our members are patent agents, and many are solo practitioners or practice in small firms. NAPP's primary purpose is to represent member and stakeholder interests by fostering professionalism in the patent practitioner community, enhancing the day-to-day practice of practitioners, and aiding patent agents and patent attorneys in staying current in matters relating to practice before the USPTO and foreign jurisdictions.

NAPP offers its support and looks forward to working with you and your office. **Representatives from the NAPP Board of Directors would be pleased to attend an in-person stakeholder meeting with you to share NAPP's perspective on critical issues impacting patent practitioners. NAPP also formally invites you to attend the NAPP [July 2022 annual meeting in Denver, CO](#), and July 2023 annual meeting in Alexandria, VA.**

Please contact us at either 919-230-9635 or NAPP@NAPP.org if there is any additional information we can provide or if you have any questions for us. We appreciate your attention to this letter and our work representing the interests of patent practitioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christopher M. Turoski'.

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