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The Honorable Thom Tillis
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
Committee on the Judiciary
United States
Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tillis:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 2022, asking the National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) to contract with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) and the U.S. Copyright Office to conduct a study on “whether Congress should create a unified, stand-alone, and independent Intellectual Property Office.”

The Academy is well-positioned to do this work, building on the expertise of our full-time research staff and the broad experience of our Academy Fellows. We will begin conversations immediately with both PTO and the U.S. Copyright Office on the terms of the proposed work, although as you can imagine, our success in these negotiations depends greatly on the willing participation of these two agencies and the level of funding they agree to make available for the work.

We will keep your staff apprised of our progress in getting this work on contract.

Sincerely,

Teresa W. Gerton
President and CEO