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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 January 26, 2022, asking the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) 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.”

After carefully considering the matter, we have concluded that ACUS has neither the expertise nor resources to conduct this study.

There are other entities that are likely well-positioned to conduct the study. They include the congressionally chartered National Academy of Public Administration. We would be pleased to consult with your staff, the PTO, or the Copyright Office about possible alternatives. We would also be pleased to consult with whatever entity may conduct a study about issues of administrative procedure on which we have expertise.

We appreciate your turning to ACUS on this important subject. If you or your staff has any questions, we would be pleased to address them.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Lee Wiener

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