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Dear Mr. Bezos:

I know this letter will find you very busy. I am writing you from, and on behalf of the people I represent in the state of West Virginia. We benefit greatly from your innovative and forward thinking. Currently, Amazon provides high-quality jobs and opportunities for many West Virginians in its Customer Service Center in Huntington, WV. We are tremendously grateful for that.

Amazon's decision to expand its presence in North America by constructing a second headquarters is a game-changer not only for the state in which you decide to develop, but also for this country. HQ2 will have a tremendous economic and cultural impact wherever it is built. As a proud West Virginian, I would be remiss were I not to suggest that you look closely at the Mountain State. She and her people present Amazon a unique and compelling option for HQ2.

Whether you choose an area in our state near the urban centers of Washington, D.C. or Pittsburgh, a place along the many interstates that traverse the state, or a remote and autonomous campus among our mountains, West Virginia presents a level of autonomy no other state can. Your company requires a facility, but here you can build a community that houses a facility. We have the best and hardest working people in the country. With an abundance of land, energy, and natural beauty, Amazon's HQ2 can meet and exceed its business needs, while invigorating the hope of a people and chartering a path to the future for an entire state.

You are a man of vision and this prospect certainly requires plenty. Some may consider this letter a fantastical overture, but we can never win if we do not compete. Please accept this letter as a manifestation of our conviction.

Yours sincerely

Moore Capito