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Dear Mr. Bezos:

We write to urge your company to consider The Bronx as the future home of Amazon’s second headquarters.

The Bronx offers many unique advantages when compared to other municipalities. We have seen a record investment in our infrastructure, and we are leading the way in job creation. Companies from all over the world are taking a fresh look at The Bronx, and our existing companies are expanding their presence in our borough. With smart planning and collaboration, Amazon could become a key piece of our ongoing renaissance.

The Bronx offers more advantages to Amazon than any other municipality. We are six miles from LaGuardia Airport, 20 minutes from Kennedy Airport, and Manhattan is just a quick train ride away. The Bronx is the only borough attached to the mainland United States, and we offer easy connections to Westchester, Connecticut and New Jersey by car. In addition, we are in the midst of constructing a new Metro North commuter rail spur in the East Bronx.

Our borough has the largest number of colleges, parkland and hospitals in New York City. We are also the home of The New York Yankees, The Bronx Zoo, Wave Hill and the New York Botanical Garden. We have our own beach and are home to the oldest golf course in the nation.

Last year, our borough saw $3.27 billion in total development, 37 percent higher than 2015 and the most of any year since 2009. In 2016, The Bronx also saw more than 14.2 million square feet of total development, 41 percent more than 2015 and, once again, the most since 2009.

Since 2009, The Bronx has seen nearly $13 billion and 70 million square feet of total development. Over 110,000 more Bronx residents have jobs today than did in May 2009, and unemployment has been cut by more than half.

Companies from all over the world are not just taking a fresh look at The Bronx since 2009, they have actually been coming. Since that period of time we have added an additional 117,000 Bronx residents to the labor pool. One company is currently finishing their new home here in the Bronx and will be bringing approximately 3,800 workers with them later this year.

With our committed local leadership, we have convinced the curious but skeptical that The Bronx is open for business. Those who have come to take a look have quickly made the decision to stay. As the company that always thought “out of the box,” we invite you to come and see our ongoing positive transformation for yourself. It will become a real home not just for your company, but for the workers that you are going to add to your roster.

We have identified several potential sites that could serve as your future headquarters, and we
invite you to tour them with us.

Amazon belongs in New York. While other states may boast about how their educational institutions train your talent pool, the fact remains that those same students typically make New York their home after graduating.

New York City has the talent pool you need. The Bronx has the space and accessibility to facilitate your business needs. We can develop a state-of-the-art home for Amazon in a city, state and borough with a strong business environment and a great home for your employees.

Already, Amazon has expressed a commitment to working with The Bronx. Together, we have changed national policy on food security to develop a pilot program to use SNAP benefits to purchase food online. Additionally, your company was incredibly responsive to our borough’s desire for same-day delivery services. We believe that your company and our borough can build on this history of positive interaction and take the first steps towards finding you a second home in The Bronx.

We urge you to come take a look and experience our borough for yourself. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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