



October 16, 2017

Dear Amazon Team:

We, the Presidents of public and private higher education institutions in Connecticut, write in support of our state's application to be the home of Amazon's second corporate headquarters.

Connecticut has the 4th most highly educated workforce in the country, with nearly 40% of our citizens holding a bachelor's degree. Our education system is often considered to be among the strongest in the country and in fact was ranked third in CNBC's Top States to get an Education in 2017.

Our state is the home to over forty institutions that are varied and diverse in their size and mission. This includes our flagship institution, the University of Connecticut, 4 state universities, 12 community colleges and 16 private, non-profit institutions including the world-renowned Yale University.

Collectively these institutions enroll over 200,000 students annually and educate a strong, innovative workforce. We represent a critical mass of talent and ideas. We are ranked:

- 7th in R&D expenditures (National Science Foundation, 2016)
- 6th for Science and Engineering doctorates in the workforce (National Science Foundation, 2016)
- 6th on Milken Institute's State Technology and Science Index

Additionally, we are nimble and responsive to the needs of our state's employers. Between 2010-2016 our STEM Degree production has grown 54%, the 8th highest increase in the county. We have nine undergraduate engineering programs in Connecticut, twenty-two schools that award degrees in computer and information sciences, and seven Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centers located at our Community Colleges.

Most recently, this past year the Presidents from nearly all of our public and private institutions of higher education came together through a strategic planning process to cultivate and propel the state's higher education system to be an example of the collective power of ingenuity to the world.

We are inspired and welcome the opportunity to work with Amazon if it chooses Connecticut as its next home to ensure that it has the workforce that it needs, that necessary degree and training programs exist and that our ecosystem is strong to allow the company to thrive.

Sincerely,

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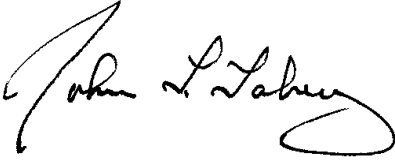
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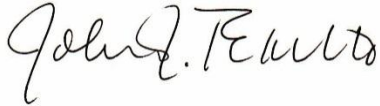
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