



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

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Dear Mr. Bezos and the Amazon team,

Connecticut is right for you. On behalf of the Connecticut General Assembly, and our state's Commission on Economic Competitiveness, we are writing to let you know, in the clearest possible terms, that Connecticut is ready and united, on a bipartisan basis, to do what it takes to make our great state your second home.

With due respect to our sister states, you can't beat Connecticut. Amazon can tap immediately into our pipeline of highly-educated, diverse, and talented employees from some of the nation's best public and private higher education institutions. Among the 50 states, Connecticut is top 5 in (A) the skill and education of our workforce and (B) our productivity. We rank 3rd in the nation for master's degrees and 6th in the nation for science and engineering doctorates.

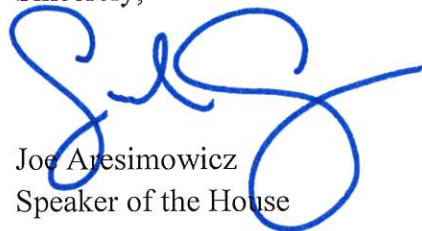
Our schools are top 10 in the country, and they feed into a college and university system that includes not only Connecticut's great institutions, but the hundreds of other colleges and universities in the region that are a short car ride away. Which leads us to perhaps our most critical asset – location, location, location. No other state is located right in the middle of two of the most important financial markets in the world – New York City and Boston – but without the high cost of those two cities. Not to mention that we are not far from Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, PA, Providence, RI, and other important communities; Connecticut is a short drive or train ride away from 1/3 of the U.S. economy.

With great schools, safe and vibrant communities, and world-class arts and cultural assets, Connecticut has a quality of life that is unparalleled. Connecticut is the place to raise a family. Your workers and their loved ones will be healthy, happy, and can grow and thrive in our cities, hike our backwoods and ski our mountains, and enjoy our rivers, lakes and the ocean.


We welcome the opportunity to work with Amazon on any legislative initiatives necessary to ensure its new headquarters will thrive here in our state. Like many of our sister states, we are committed to tackling our fiscal challenges effectively and on a bipartisan basis, and supporting the kind of innovation ecosystem that Amazon needs to grow. If you would like to speak with any of us, or if you would like us to come to you, please let us know.

Connecticut is ready for Amazon. Connecticut has already made a major commitment to Amazon, with facilities in Windsor and Wallingford and another planned for North Haven. You know what we can do. Let us do more.

Sincerely,



Joe Aresimowicz
Speaker of the House



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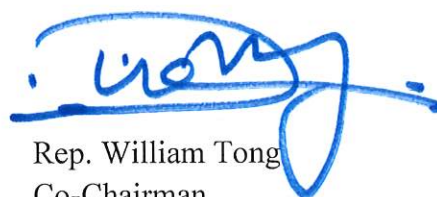
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