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Dear Amazon Team:

As leaders of Connecticut businesses, both large and small, we enthusiastically encourage Amazon to locate its second headquarters in our great state. HQ2's entry into either the Hartford or Stamford regions will be truly transformative--reshaping what Connecticut will look like in 10 years, 20 years and beyond.

For a small state Connecticut boasts a long list of competitive advantages that will fuel Amazon's growth and long-term success.

Our state empowers the forward-thinkers who forge disruptive markets. Although Connecticut has a rich history of firsts and invention, we do not rest on our laurels. It's no wonder that many of our companies house their R&D units here in Connecticut.

Connecticut's high quality workforce and future pipeline of talent help make our businesses competitive on a global basis. Our internationally-recognized scientists, engineers and patent holders drive creative product development as well as efficient production. And, given state and university investments in labor force education we believe Connecticut will have forward-looking workers for generations to come.

It's no wonder that the workforce performs well: the quality of life here is exceptional so our employees and their families truly enjoy living in the state. The amazing array of cultural assets (five producing theatres, world recognized museums, and the historic downtowns in our smaller towns and villages) are resources we treasure.

Finally, the location of the state cannot be beat. Connecticut sits in a prime location in the Northeast corridor, one of the most wealthy, densely populated centers in the world. This provides Amazon and all private sector employers with a broad and deep pool of customers and employees – and access to markets across the Atlantic.

These are just a few of the reasons Amazon would benefit greatly from establishing HQ2 in Connecticut. We fully support the project and welcome Amazon's increased presence in our state. Feel free to reach out to any of us for more information.

Sincerely,

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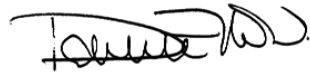
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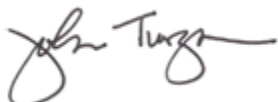
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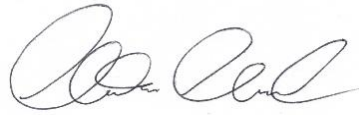
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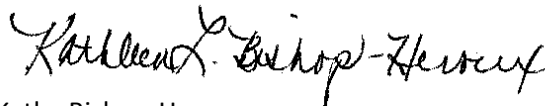
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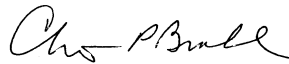
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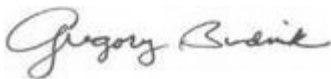
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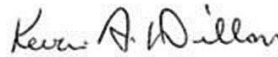
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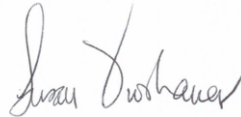
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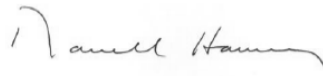
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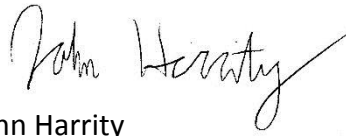
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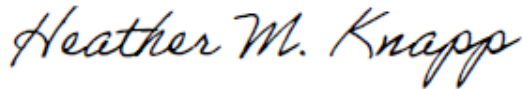
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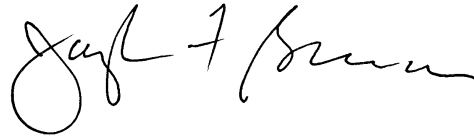
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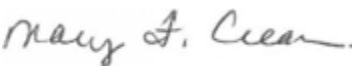
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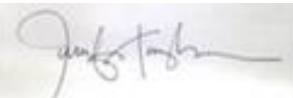
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