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SENATOR ROBERT E. ANTONACCI
50TH DISTRICT

January 31, 2019

Mr. Jeffrey Bezos
Chairman, President, and CEO Amazon.com Inc.
1200 12th Ave. South, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98144-2734

RE: HQ2

Dear Mr. Bezos:

I read the article posted on recode.net on January 30, 2019 regarding the political battle happening in New York City over HQ2. With the issues arising from the controversy, perhaps we can talk about locating your new headquarters perfectly between Rochester and Syracuse, New York allowing you to draw from both cities and access to the world class colleges and universities in our area.

In addition, our region has an abundance of natural resources the envy of many communities along with a low cost of living and operations, sustainable development, and open airspace for drones to test package delivery.

Moreover, it is no secret there is a growing divide of economic inequality in our country. Syracuse ranks no. 1 in concentrated poverty for African Americans and Hispanics in the nation. Therefore, a decision to locate in Central New York would make a powerful statement as well as be transformational in helping to reduce poverty and lead to widespread change for New York State.

I would be willing to work with you to discuss ways to make this an extremely beneficial arrangement for Amazon and our region.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert E. Antonacci II'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robert E. Antonacci II
State Senator

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REA/jm

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