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Mr. Jeff Bezos
Founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer
Amazon Office of Economic Development
c/o Site Manager Golden
2121 7th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

Dear Mr. Bezos:

On behalf of the State of Minnesota we are proud to submit our state's response to Amazon's call to establish a second corporate headquarters in North America. As you will see in our proposal, Minnesota will be a terrific second home for Amazon.

Our state offers exceptionally talented and productive people, an excellent education system, a high quality of life, and a diverse business community that will help Amazon hit the ground running. Seventeen Fortune 500 companies are headquartered here, including some of North America's largest food, retail, computing, medical device, and logistics companies. The international airport is within 15 minutes of each downtown. The University of Minnesota is a top ranked research university and our entire system of higher education will provide a pipeline for new talent. Additionally, the quality of life in Minnesota is unmatched. The Twin Cities has a thriving art and theatre scene, while unbound outdoor recreational opportunities are at our doorstep.

We believe in strong public-private partnerships as a key strategy for economic development and business success. If Amazon selects Minnesota as the site of HQ2, we will partner with you to ensure that Amazon has access to the best workforce, education systems, and infrastructure in the world.

We are grateful for this unprecedented opportunity and look forward to continue working with you to ensure that Amazon thrives in Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Dayton
Governor

Paul Gazelka
Senate Majority Leader

Thomas Bakk
Senate Minority Leader

Tina Smith
Lt. Governor

Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House

Melissa Hortman
House Minority Leader

