

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Amazon
Jeff Bezos
2121 7th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Dear Mr. Bezos,

We write to you in strong support of the St. Louis region's proposal to be the location for Amazon HQ2. This is an exciting time for Amazon, and we believe that the application from the St. Louis region exceeds all of the requirements to begin the next part of Amazon's growth.


The St. Louis region offers a unique opportunity and locale for the HQ2. With its thriving population and outstanding educational institutions, the region offers a highly-skilled and motivated talent pool of potential employees. As pointed out in the application, the St. Louis region currently has about a 1.3 million person labor force with many individuals coming from institutions of higher learning located in the region. It also highlights the fact that the area is home to 80,000 specialized STEM occupations and Scott Air Force Base, which attracts highly qualified cyber and IT employees.


This region also serves as a transportation hub containing five airports that can easily connect HQ2 with the rest of the country and world. Sitting on the banks of the Missouri River, the region also acts as a conduit for rail, river, and road transportation options giving Amazon every option available to get your goods to consumers nationwide. The locale is ready to work with HQ2 to innovate towards the future of delivery technology.

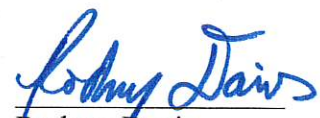
The region brings with it many benefits to employees who live in the area. Along with an affordable cost of living, the region boasts a number of world-class sports teams, multiple museums and parks, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

As the region continues to grow, we highly encourage you to give the St. Louis region's application all due consideration to be the home for Amazon HQ2. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,


Mike Bost
Member of Congress


John Shimkus
Member of Congress


Rodney Davis
Member of Congress

Cc: Site Manager Golden, Economic Development Team