



October 13, 2017

Mr. Jeff Bezos
Chairman and CEO
Amazon.com Inc.
410 Terry Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Bezos:

As the Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Education, I am proud to say the commonwealth's education system is producing a workforce that is driving our economy and will provide a pipeline of talent for Amazon's second company headquarters and quality schools for the children of your employees. From early learning to our world-renowned colleges and universities, Pennsylvania is home to some of the strongest schools in the country.

Built on a foundation of 250 public and private postsecondary institutions, Pennsylvania has seven of the top 100 universities and four of the top global universities, as well as the largest alumni network in the country through Penn State University. We are also proud to have the nation's best computer system program at Carnegie Mellon University and the best business graduate program at Wharton Business School, according to U.S. News and World Report.

With many innovative and cutting-edge businesses in robotics, computer science and engineering, we are looking toward the future. Pennsylvania is among the nation's best in STEM education and the number of graduates with STEM-related degrees:

- Pennsylvania ranks 4th nationally in the number of STEM graduates and is in the top 10 of states for STEM jobs;
- The commonwealth is home to five nationally recognized STEM ecosystems, and four emerging ecosystems;
- Nearly 1 in 4 degrees awarded by state-owned universities are STEM-H degrees, an increase of 37 percent since 2009.

Providing an ideal location for your headquarters goes beyond our world-class workforce and graduate and advance degree programs. Pennsylvania also values early education and our K-12 education system, providing quality schools for the families of your employees. Creating future success for your company and Pennsylvania depends on students receiving as excellent education. That is why Governor Tom Wolf has made education at all levels a top priority. Over the past two years Pennsylvania has made historic investments in education by increasing funding by more than \$800 million with support for early education boosting pre-k enrollment by 48 percent.

With the strength of our talented and dedicated workforce, STEM programs, and leading educational institutions, Pennsylvania offers an invaluable location for your company headquarters. The Department of Education looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pedro Rivera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a distinct flourish at the end.

Pedro Rivera
Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education