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AN OPEN LETTER TO AMAZON.COM, INC. FROM THE MAYOR OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Dear Mr. Bezos:

Although your needing to pull out of the New York City area is unfortunate, we in West Palm Beach, Florida, totally understand.

Recently dubbed “The Wall Street of the South” by Newsweek, West Palm Beach has been quietly attracting businesses from New York City and the Northeast over the last few years. And not just because of our abundant sunshine and superb quality of life.

The shift is occurring because businesses coming to West Palm Beach pay no state income tax, no corporate income tax on limited partnerships, no corporate income tax on subchapter S-corporations, no corporate franchise tax on capital stock, there’s no state-level property tax assessment, no property tax on business inventories, no property tax on goods-in-transit for up to 180 days, no sales tax on purchases of raw materials incorporated in a final product for resale, and more. And that’s just the beginning.

But most of all, we offer a hospitable, open, welcoming pro-business climate.

Yes, we’re inviting you and your company to West Palm Beach. Our relaxed and refined resort destination has been designated “One of the Top 25 Cities in America to do Business” by Forbes Magazine. Consider contacting our Director of Economic Development, Chris Roog, at CRoog@wpb.org, to find out why.

Sincerely,

Jeri Muoio, Ph.D.

Mayor

The City of West Palm Beach, Florida