

United States Senate

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Mr. Paul Misener
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Dear Mr. Misener,

It has been brought to my attention that Amazon is considering the construction of a new fulfillment center in Ohio. I was glad to learn about your conversations with Governor Kasich. I know that all the details have not been finalized, but I understand the plan that is being discussed could create hundreds of new jobs for the state. I strongly recommend Ohio as your location to expand operations.

As you are aware, Ohio has much to offer. Ohio is home to some of the top academic and research institutions in the world. Moreover, our state has some of the top airports in the country, and a state-of-the-art intermodal facility located at Rickenbacker International Airport. In fact, nearly 50% of the U.S. population is within a 10-hour drive of Ohio.

In Ohio, you will find a qualified workforce that is essential to sustaining and growing your business. The state has a diverse and superior talent pool as a result of several universities, community colleges, and technical schools. This talent pool is capable of providing a strong workforce for technology-based employment. It is my understanding that you have already committed to building three new data centers in Central Ohio. That region, for example, is conveniently located near The Ohio State University and several community colleges and career and technical institutions. I can assure you that our educational institutions are ready to partner with you in your efforts should you choose Ohio as your new home.

Ohio has also become a hub for data analytics and economic development for technology companies. Ohio's leading organizations share in the vision of using big data in the private sector to drive IT advancements to create economic growth across the state.

Finally, you will have strong support from the Ohio Congressional Delegation if you select Ohio.

Thank you for considering Ohio as a new location for your expansion. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance.

All best,



Rob Portman
United States Senator