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As elected officials from finalist cities for Amazon's second headquarters, we are strongly opposed to the tax-break bidding war that Amazon has begun at the expense of the public.

We are signing onto the mutual non-aggression pact initiated by Richard Florida and signed by a diverse group of thousands of economists, academics, business leaders, and everyday people across the country to reject massive subsidies for Amazon. Amazon is using their economic and political power to push cities into a race-to-the-bottom. Major corporate subsidies for Amazon would undermine our ability as leaders to fund critical needs like education, transportation, housing, and infrastructure which make our cities attractive for investment in the first place.

When Amazon locates their new headquarters, they will place a major strain on our existing infrastructure, housing stock, and they will worsen income inequality. Instead of pressuring our cities to offer the biggest possible tax-break package, Amazon should make real commitments to our communities such as investments in affordable housing, infrastructure, and living wage jobs.

We hope that elected officials from the other finalist cities will join us in signing this pact. We believe that all the finalist cities, acting in unison, should refuse to authorize massive subsidies to Amazon for their second headquarters. Amazon should come to serve the people who live in our cities, not the other way around.

Sincerely,

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