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**Media Statement**

**Statement of Marilyn Strickland, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of  
Commerce President & CEO, on Amazon's HQ2 Announcement**

“Landing Amazon HQ2 represents an unprecedented opportunity for New York City and Northern Virginia. Today’s announcement is another reminder that we cannot take our home-grown companies for granted. Amazon helped put Seattle on the global stage, and we need civic leadership that is committed to helping our employers succeed so our local economy can be more inclusive.”

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**About the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce**

The Seattle Metropolitan (Seattle Metro) Chamber of Commerce is the regional business advocacy organization that engages the innovation and entrepreneurship of its 2,400 members to promote inclusive economic prosperity. Founded in 1882 by local business leaders, the Chamber today is an independent organization representing a regional workforce of approximately 750,000. For more information, visit [www.seattlechamber.com](http://www.seattlechamber.com).