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Mr. Otis Williams  
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Dear Mr. Williams:

I write to offer my support for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's (NGA) new headquarters in North St. Louis City.

Keeping this outstanding workforce in the State of Missouri is a top priority for my administration. That is why in June I signed legislation to provide significant state funding to retain NGA in our state. I understand how critical this project is to the economic vitality of the St. Louis region and our state. This \$1.6 billion project will have a significant impact on the St. Louis and Missouri economies, creating thousands of jobs and contribute nearly add \$1.4 billion annually to the Missouri economy.

The St. Louis City site fulfills all of the project criteria and requirements set forth in NGA's Request for Proposals. The site is easily accessible by four interstate highways as well as by public transit – a key asset for NGA employees, the majority of whom reside in Missouri. Moreover, this project will leverage the energy, activity and all of the amenities that downtown St. Louis offers.

Locating NGA's new facility in the City of St. Louis would provide an outstanding opportunity to create jobs through a transformative urban redevelopment that could position North St. Louis for economic prosperity for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor