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Mr. Robert Cardillo, Director  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
7500 GEOINT Drive  
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Dear Director Cardillo,

The City of St. Louis is very proud to be home to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and its dedicated employees, which have played an important role not only in our nation's history, but also in our City's. I am convinced that the NGA has an even greater part to play in our future.

The NGA is vital to our City's economic health, and its relocation to North St. Louis will reinvigorate a significant urban area of our community. Conversely, losing the NGA would be a devastating blow to our City's economy.

Moving the NGA to North St. Louis City would create the biggest economic impact out of the four sites under consideration. The City of St. Louis is the only location that stands to lose if not selected. There is real, tangible economic harm to the City if it does not retain the NGA; unlike the other three locations, which stand to gain but have nothing to lose if not chosen.

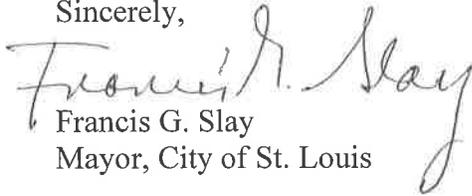
The NGA has the ability to become an anchor catalyst for development in a neighborhood that has experienced decades of disinvestment and still suffers the effects of a failed federal housing project. It has the promise of moving a community forward, bolstered by multiple federal initiatives in and around its potential new neighborhood; including, Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2), Promise Zone, and Choice Neighborhood.

The many benefits to the future of both St. Louis and NGA are immeasurable, promising and exciting. As this project will more closely connect the City's North side to a thriving Downtown, this opportunity will be the pivotal moment in the history of the neighborhood and the City.

I take pride in the development of our City and how resilient we have been, and I strongly believe that the NGA will be the driving force to pull this neighborhood back into its glory. It has a diversity of housing opportunities and the population to support new amenities and infrastructure enhancements, which will be built by a skilled labor force. The benefit to the community and the City will be unprecedented.

We are honored to have the NGA in the City of St. Louis and committed to making the decision to keep it here as easy as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis G. Slay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Francis G. Slay  
Mayor, City of St. Louis