



AMAZON'S HQ2 BAIT AND SWITCH SHOULD HAVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TAXPAYERS OUTRAGED

Robert B. Engel, chief spokesperson for FFMI, released the following statement in response to reports that Amazon plans to split its second headquarters between two cities.

“Amazon’s apparent bait and switch on HQ2 shows exactly why the public was right to be skeptical about this secretive, shadowy process from the start. Amazon asked cities for massive tax breaks and subsidies in return for a headquarters, but in the eleventh hour they are going back on their word and taking half the deal off the table. Now they are asking taxpayers in two states to cough up their hard-earned money for a fraction of what was promised.”

“Taxpayers have every right to be outraged and it is time for local leaders to hold Amazon’s feet to the fire. Why should any lawmaker, taxpayer or even consumer trust a company that time and again acts as though it can say and do whatever it wants without repercussions?”

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