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Mr. Ron Williams  
Lockheed Martin Skunk Works  
Building 704  
1011 Lockheed Way  
Palmdale, California 91399

Dear Mr. Williams:

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to consider Washington State as the ideal location for your VentureStar Space Port. The space industry is not new to Washington State. We are very fortunate to have several hundred aerospace companies in our area. One of the most prestigious leaders is headquartered here, The Boeing Company.

In addition to superb private sector support, we have several outstanding research institutions, universities and colleges that are prepared to provide you with a skilled and knowledgeable workforce. We have a solid private and public partnership in place to support you in your efforts and to catapult you to success.

We are committed to keeping project costs at a minimum. As part of this commitment, we are able to offer you two potential sites for an autoclave needed to manufacture the VentureStar's fuel cells. Both sites have an existing pressure vessel that can be modified to meet your needs.

Representative Doc Hastings, Senators Patty Murray and Slade Gorton join me in pledging our support to assist you. I have assembled a team of experts to facilitate this project and assure you that choosing Washington State would be a smooth and seamless transition. We appreciate your consideration and are eager to have the VentureStar a part of our business community.

Please call me at (360) 753-6780 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary Locke  
Governor