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Mr. Andy C. F. Chen  
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Dear Andy,

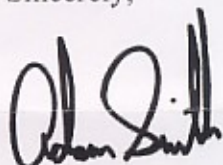
I want to recognize ASPI Group's effort and long-term commitment in Grant County. ASPI Group has been a leader and proponent in promoting business and development in Grant County and elsewhere in Washington State for the last twenty years. Your vision, commitment of time and resources cannot be discounted for the economic growth of the area. The market studies and regional promotion of ASPI Group continues to provide steady increase in jobs and raises the standard of living of the local population. ASPI has made an enormous financial investment into the local development of infrastructure and facilities. I believe that ASPI Group will continue to support Grant County by creating new jobs and opportunities.

Through its participation in the Public/Private Partnership between the State of Washington, Port of Moses Lake and Grant County EDC in 2003, ASPI has acted as a catalyst for growth for the Moses Lake, Grant County and the surrounding area and has been a key proponent in identifying the infrastructure requirements that would allow Moses Lake to compete for national companies. The attempt of the Public/Private Partnership to have Moses Lake selected as the assembly location for the Boeing 787 resulted in increased public attention to this community. The impact and result is evidenced by the recent announcement of large multi-national companies such as Microsoft, Yahoo, Guardian Industries, Solar Grade Silicon and Genie Industries to either expand or move to the area. The expansion of these companies into Grant County would create hundreds of jobs and have a long lasting positive benefit to the community.

I have recently heard that approximately 20 jobs were created by Liquidation World in Moses Lake. I know Liquidation World credits ASPI Group directly for creating a wonderful facility that would suit their needs to expand in central Washington. In addition, I have also received news that Moses Lake assisted living facility, an ASPI Group Regional Center project, has created over 60 full and part-time jobs since its grand opening in and is beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of its development. I am also happy to hear that Coca Cola is now a tenant in your warehouse and employs approximately 11 people in its new facility.

With the record your organization has created in recent years, I expect the ASPI Group to continue to work hard to promote Moses Lake, Grant County and help build the regional economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Smith". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters and a prominent initial "A".

Adam Smith  
Member of Congress

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