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Amazon and corporate welfare

Virginia and NY giving Amazon its way

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USPA NEWS - Corporate giant Amazon will receive more corporate welfare from New York and Virginia.Taxpayers will be subsidizing the deal it appears.

Amazon announced the selected cities for its big HQ2 locations revealing that its existing satellite offices in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens, New York, and the Crystal City area of Arlington, Virginia, would be expanded by about 50,000 jobs . Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, are apparently pleased by the corporate giant decision. But Amazon has also been accused of getting corporate welfare.Ron Kim a member of the General Assembly of New York strongly disagrees with this arrangement. Kim feels that New York is subsidizing the richest man on earth.Kim also wrote a piece in The New York Times stating "the City of New York should say no to Amazon".Amazon receives most of its profits from its Cloud platform and has huge contracts with the CIA and the Department of Defense. The company has been accused of paying low wages,circumventing sales tax,and demanding unrealistic productivity targets for its employees. Kim also asserts that the EU is considering opening a antitrust case against the corporate gaint.In the realm of the public sphere Amazon may face some more opposition very soon.

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