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Jeff Bezos
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Amazon.com, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Bezos:

I am writing on behalf of the American Psychological Association (APA), to sincerely thank you and Amazon for recognizing psychologists as essential healthcare professionals to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) through Amazon Business. Your team's rapid response to my May 26 letter was truly appreciated.

APA is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychologists in the United States, with more than 121,000 members and associates engaged in the practice, research, and teaching of psychology. We are very pleased that Amazon recognized the important role of psychologists in uplifting the health and mental wellness of our nation, especially during COVID-19.

In a recent poll conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, nearly half of adults in the U.S. reported that their mental health has been negatively impacted due to anxiety and stress over the coronavirus, the effects of social isolation and loneliness, concerns about the well-being of loved ones, impaired sleep, and job loss and financial stress. Additionally, APA's recent Stress in America survey showed that close to 8 in 10 Americans (78%) said the coronavirus pandemic is a significant source of stress.

As states continue to open their economies and businesses, it is crucial for the health of the country to provide high-quality and safe psychological services for our communities. We are grateful that Amazon is a place that licensed psychologists can now turn to acquire the PPE that is needed to keep themselves, their patients and families, and our communities safe. Special thanks to Bill Kopitke with Amazon Business who has worked tirelessly with the APA to ensure that all relevant purchasing issues were worked out.

We look forward to working with you in the future as additional needs arise, and please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of service to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur C. Evans, Jr., Ph.D.".

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