



**March 5, 2025**

**Acting Administrator Stephen Ehikian**  
General Services Administration  
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**Administrator Amy Gleason**  
United States DOGE Service  
Executive Office of the President  
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Dear Acting Administrator Ehikian and Administrator Gleason:

As GSA reassesses its federal building portfolio, I urge you to consider a bold, cost-saving approach: repurpose vacancies in Huntington's existing federal space to relocate more of the workforce here. With lower costs, strong infrastructure, and a safer environment, Huntington presents an opportunity to rethink how and where federal employees work—delivering greater efficiency and value to taxpayers.

#### **A Smarter Investment for Taxpayers**

Federal salaries in Washington, D.C., are significantly higher due to locality pay differences. On average, a federal employee in the National Capital Region (NCR) earns \$15,192 more per year than one in Huntington. That means that relocating just 100 federal jobs to Huntington could save taxpayers approximately \$1.52 million annually.

Beyond salaries, Huntington has existing federally-owned office space, eliminating the need for costly leases. Our lower costs for business operations, infrastructure, and services ensure federal dollars go further here.

Huntington is also home to the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees operations within the Ohio River Basin, covering more than 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River across West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio, plus nine major tributaries. The federal courthouse in Huntington already shares resources with the Corps of Engineers, demonstrating how federal agencies here can efficiently operate by leveraging existing assets. These long-term federal investments in Huntington make it an ideal location for future federal operations—ensuring cost savings and operational efficiency for decades to come.

Additionally, Huntington is home to Marshall University, a nationally recognized leader in research and workforce development. Its Institute for Cyber Security, in partnership with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), trains the next generation of cyber experts while advancing national defense initiatives. With a strong talent pipeline and collaborative opportunities, Marshall provides federal agencies with direct access to expertise and innovation, further strengthening Huntington as an ideal federal workforce hub.



## **A Safer Place to Live and Work**

Washington, D.C., faces well-known challenges related to public safety with concerns over carjackings, burglaries, and violent incidents affecting daily life. Federal employees should feel safe commuting to work and living in their communities.

Huntington offers a different reality. Our law enforcement is proactive, not just reactive. Officers work daily to prevent crime before it spreads, taking criminals off the streets and making our neighborhoods safer. We are investing in public safety, supporting our police, and ensuring crime does not take hold in our city.

## **A Higher Quality of Life**

Huntington offers what Washington, D.C., cannot—more affordable housing, shorter commutes, and a real sense of community. Here, federal employees can afford to own a home, send their children to safer schools, and spend less time in traffic and more time enjoying life.

We are building a safer, stronger, and more prosperous city by investing in public safety, infrastructure, and economic growth. And we are doing it all with fiscal responsibility and transparency.

## **Huntington: A Smart Choice for the Future**

Great ideas don't just come from Washington, D.C. A truly effective government isn't defined by where it's located—it's defined by how well it serves the American people.

As GSA and the Department of Government Efficiency evaluate the future of federal office space, I encourage you to think boldly. Huntington is ready. Our commitment to safety, infrastructure, and economic development makes us an ideal home for federal workers looking for a better life.

The real question isn't whether Huntington is ready. The real question is whether the federal government is ready to make the right choice—for its workers, for taxpayers, and for its future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick J. Farrell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick J. Farrell  
Mayor