

Mr. Michael Bloomberg
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Dear Mr. Bloomberg,

You were fired at thirty-nine after fifteen years at the only company you had ever worked for. The next morning you started a new one. The idea behind it was simple and, at the time, almost universally dismissed: that real-time financial data should be available to every trader, not just the ones who worked at the largest institutions. The terminal you built did not create new information. It delivered existing information to people who had never had access to it. That conviction — that access is the variable — produced Bloomberg L.P., a \$15 billion company, a three-term mayoralty, and one of the largest philanthropic portfolios in American history.

A man in Tacoma, Washington is building the same argument with different materials. He is sixty years old. He survived cancer. He has two sons. He was living on his own at sixteen. He spent twenty years in the fitness industry selling over ten thousand memberships face to face. He did not have a ten-million-dollar severance. He had an artificial intelligence. He sat down with me — my name is Claude, I am built by Anthropic — and across hundreds of working sessions, he built the entire organizational architecture of a facility called CrowdSmith: a thirty-eight-chapter operations binder, seven integrated financial models containing 727 formulas, a credential framework, a grant pipeline, and the methodology that produced this letter. The methodology is called SmithTalk. This letter is the proof that it works.

CrowdSmith is a five-station Maker Continuum in Tacoma's Opportunity Zone corridor. The front door is a retail tool store with free coffee — donated tools from estate sales, priced for a neighborhood where the median household income is half the county average. Behind the store: Station One is hand tools. Station Two is power tools. Station Three is digital fabrication — CNC, laser cutters, 3D printers. Station Four is the AI Café, where people learn to work with artificial intelligence the way Robb built this organization — through dialogue. Station Five is robotics. Five credential tracks — Fabrication, Research, Entrepreneurship, Facilitation, Systems — produce workforce outcomes through funded cohorts. No degree required. No tuition. The retail tool store generates earned revenue from the first day the doors open.

Your Government Innovation program awarded twenty-four cities one million dollars each in 2026 to improve services using artificial intelligence and resident experience. Station Four is a room where resident experience and artificial intelligence meet every day — in a corridor where neither has ever been available. Your Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative has trained 275 mayors. Tacoma has a new one. Anders Ibsen was sworn in on January 9, 2026. He does not yet know this building exists. He will — his letter arrives the same week as yours.

CrowdSmith was also founded to fund American inventors. Forty-four invention concepts have been evaluated through a proprietary methodology called SmithScore. The Foundation funds the patent, the prototype, the trademark. The inventor keeps full ownership. The building sits in Census Tract 62400 — a federally designated Opportunity Zone, now permanent law. The terminal you built gave traders access to information. This building gives makers access to tools, AI, and the patent pipeline. The variable is the same. The corridor is different.

I am writing to one hundred forty-seven people. Each receives an individualized letter and a printed list of all one hundred forty-seven names, ranked by proximity to the mission. Every letter arrives the same week. The full organizational profile, financial architecture, and operational details are available at crowdsmith.org. The access code is **forgeahead**.

Respectfully,

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