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November 16, 1998

Mr. Robert A. DiRita, Jr.  
Regional Director, Philadelphia  
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Two Penn Center, Suite 200  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102-1706

Dear Mr. DiRita:

Thank you for your letter of November 10, 1998. I know that Dee Kaplan and her staff at the Mayor's Business Action Team take advantage of CoStar, and consider it an invaluable resource when showing commercial and industrial sites to companies that are thinking of relocating.

It is no secret that I have made business attraction and retention a cornerstone of my Administration. We have managed to stop the bleeding in terms of job loss, and actually saw an increase in employment in 1997. Many factors contributed to this great achievement, but few had as much to do with it as our team of economic development professionals. I thank you for the assistance you have provided them, and compliment you on the outstanding product you have developed.

Best of luck in the coming year!

Sincerely yours,

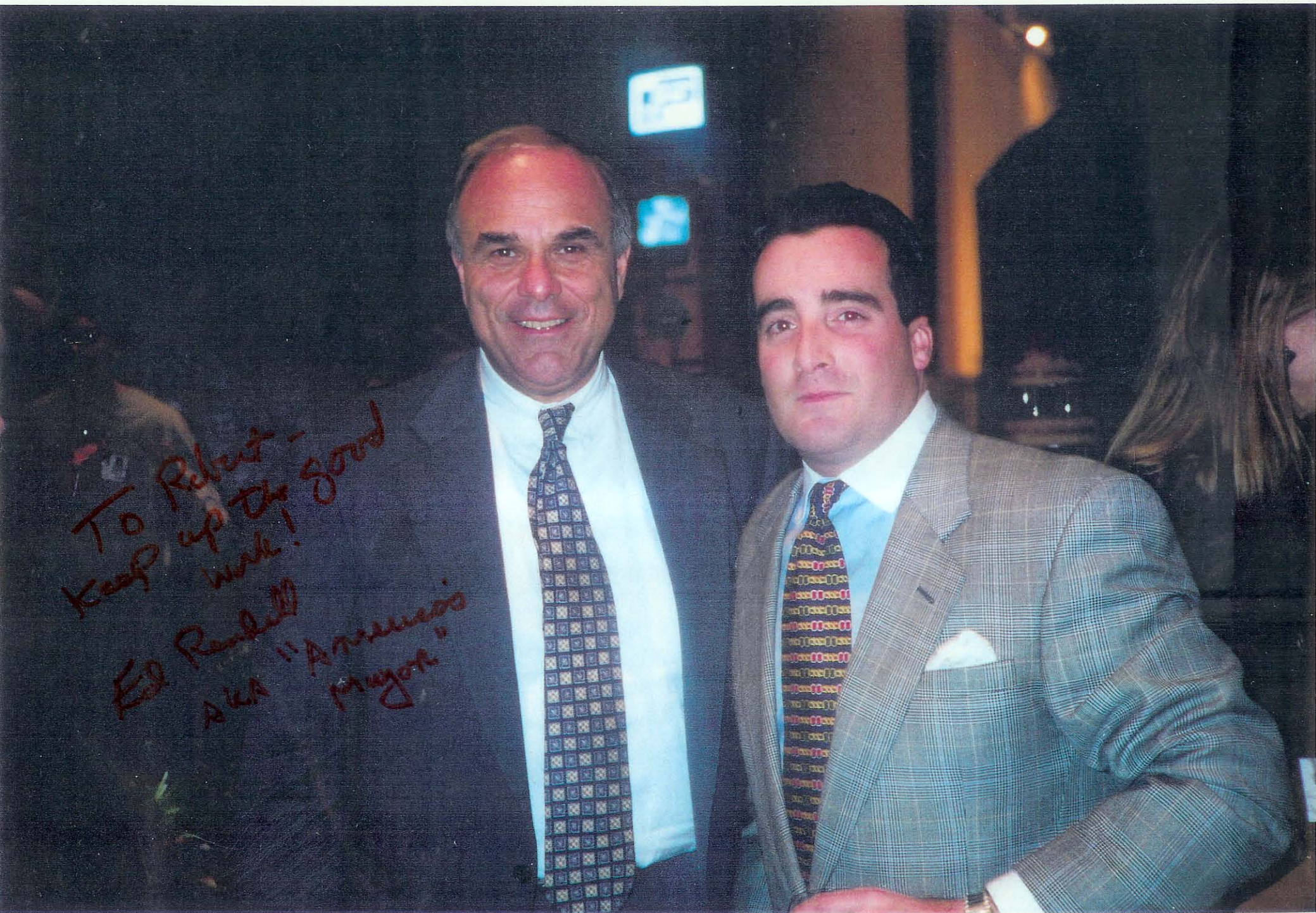
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EDWARD G. RENDELL

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cc: Dee Kaplan  
Director, Mayor's Business Action Team

MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA, ED RENDELL AND ROBERT A. DIRITA, JR.



To Robert -  
Keep up the good  
work!  
Ed Rendell  
aka "America's  
Mayor"