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Re Portland-Utrecht "Friendship Cities" Proclamation

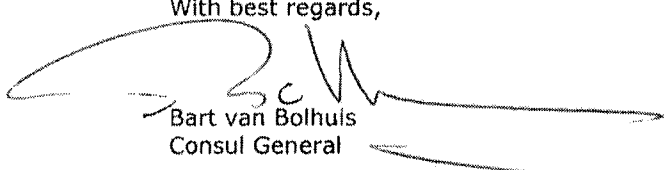
Dear Mayor Adams, *Dear Sam!*

I am writing today to express my heartfelt support for the resolution to further strengthen the ties between Portland and Utrecht by declaring them Friendship Cities.

Our team is enthusiastic about continuing support for initiatives linking the two cities, including connections in the fields of urban planning, sustainability, transportation, human rights and the creative industries. Portland and Utrecht share many qualities and aspirations, and we are pleased to offer our support for programs that encourage knowledge exchange, economic trade, and more.

Thank you for your vision and leadership in laying the foundations for the bridge between these two great cities.

With best regards,


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Dear Mayor Adams,

I wish to express my support for the upcoming resolution declaring Utrecht and Portland to be Friendship Cities.

Over the last two years, we have welcomed a number of Portland's leading citizens to Utrecht, leading to their efforts to develop a formal connection around shared values and attributes of our cities. In October of this year, the City of Utrecht sent a delegation of local officials to Portland to attend the 2012 EcoDistricts Summit. During their time in Portland, they were able to meet with experts in the sciences, urban planning and sustainability, equity and human rights, among other policy areas. The results of this visit were overwhelmingly positive.

Utrecht and Portland share a commitment to a sustainable future, support for arts and culture, and the promotion of advancing education at all levels. I believe that there are numerous opportunities for both of our cities to benefit through the mutual exchange of ideas, economic trade and development, and other bilateral partnerships.

I support this resolution to establish Utrecht and Portland as official Friendship Cities.

Sincerely,


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