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Dear Compact of Mayors Secretariat:

Taking action to protect the earth's climate is critically important for both our present and future generations. I consider climate change a triple bottom line sustainability issue, with challenges and opportunities impacting people in the City of St. Louis, as well as their environment and the city's economy. As such, it is my intention that the City of St. Louis comply with the Compact of Mayors, achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions as mitigation, as well as attempting to prepare for the impacts of climate change.

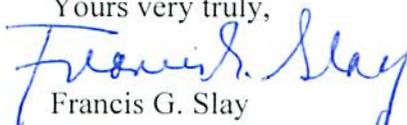
The City has already met the goals pledged when I signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in 2005, and we are working hard to go further in this regard. I understand that the Compact of Mayors has a defined series of requirements that cities are expected to meet over time, and the City of St. Louis has already made significant progress in this regard. For example, in an effort to promote transparency, the City has been voluntarily sharing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) data with the Carbon Disclosure Project. In my Sustainability Action Agenda of priorities, we set targets to reduce GHGs, based on our greenhouse gas and climate action planning data.

I commit the City of St. Louis to advancing along the stages of the Compact, with the goal of becoming fully compliant with all the Compact requirements within three years. Specifically, I pledge to publicly report on the following within the next three years:

- An updated GHG inventory, conducted consistent with the Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (within one year)
- The climate hazards faced by our city (within one year)
- Confirmation of our established target of reducing citywide greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 (within two years)
- The climate vulnerabilities faced by our city (within two years)
- Our plans to address climate change mitigation and adaptation (within three years)

Because of the significance that climate has on the health, well-being and prosperity of the people of St. Louis, I am pleased to join with other mayors and cities around the world to implement the measures of the Compact of Mayors.

Yours very truly,

  
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