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Dear Mr. Baldwin,

It is with great pleasure that the municipality of Leeuwarden expresses her interest to join the European Commission's mission to develop 100 climate neutral cities by 2030.

We welcome and support your ambition for Europe to become the first climate neutral continent. The leadership that the European Commission shows, encourages not only us, but also organizations within our territory to take action. We also appreciate the concrete initiatives that the Commission is taking towards this goal. The European Green Deal and subsequent policy documents have inspired our policies as well. By putting your ambitions into practice with rules and regulations, policies, but also funding and financing opportunities, we believe the impact will be tremendous. The challenge ahead can only be tackled if each player does what is in their power to do. The municipality of Leeuwarden aims to play its part in this needed transition.

The mission inspires us to accelerate our efforts to become a climate neutral city. That is why, with this letter, we express our ambition to become climate neutral by 2030. We support the objective of this mission fully and are intend on developing the necessary policies, projects and actions to work towards this goal.

We are looking forward to working together with the European Commission, other cities and organization within Europe to reach this ambitious objective. We have prepared the application with great enthusiasm and diligence and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

S. van Haersma Buma,
Mayor of Leeuwarden.