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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

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Rick Dimino, President
A Better City
33 Broad St., 3rd Floor
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Dear Mr. Dimino:

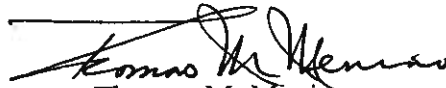
I am writing to invite you to serve on Boston's Climate Action Leadership Committee to assist my administration in realizing the goal of making Boston the greenest city in the US, if not the world. I will launch this exciting new initiative on March 30th and will be joined by former Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore.

As you know, I have already committed Boston to meeting the Kyoto Protocol and set a long-term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050. I am assembling this Leadership Committee of experts from academia, business and other disciplines to further develop the Boston roadmap for how we achieve these deep but necessary reductions. I expect the Committee to identify economic development opportunities to grow green jobs in Boston and train our workforce for them. The Committee will also develop recommendations on how Boston should prepare for the changes that we are sure to experience in the future due to sea level rise and the urban heat island effect. And perhaps most importantly, I expect the Committee will enhance our community engagement strategies, bringing together all residents and businesses in a call to action for reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in every neighborhood of the city.

This planning effort will require 4-6 meetings over the next 12 months. My Administration worked with local foundations who have committed substantial funding to provide consultant support for this important planning effort. The Committee will also be supported by city staff, a technical advisory committee and a community advisory committee.

I would be honored if you would serve on the Committee and look forward to working with you on this important initiative. Jim Hunt, Chief of Environment and Energy, will be in touch to discuss this further and can provide addition information. Together, we are turning Beantown into Greentown!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Menino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston