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Malgorzata Mańka-Szulik
Mayor of the City of Zabrze

Dear Ms. Mayor

The City of Lund has always appreciated the cooperation with the city of Zabrze as a sister city and done so for many years. We are convinced that the good and growing cooperation between our cities will continue to contribute to the building of a common European home, based on peace, stability and equality for the inhabitants in our countries. This is very special to Lund as the first city for Human Rights in Sweden.

It is our honest wish to continue in this manner in the future and we hope that our partnership may be further enriched with future projects, study-visits and other fruitful challenges.

It has, however come to our knowledge that there is a growing number of communities in Poland which have decided to become part of the so-called "LGBT-free zone." Recently we have received alarming signals and questions about the situation in Poland and how this will affect the inhabitants in our sister city.

As we mentioned above the city of Lund is the first city for Human Rights and as such, it is important to work for equality for all inhabitants, independent of race, religion, gender and sexual orientation. Please note that the city of Lund hasn't received any signals that the city of Zabrze has joined the "LGBT-free zone". On the contrary, we have always had the impression that you the Mayor of Zabrze is a strong and independent Mayor.

Still we kindly ask for information regarding the situation above mentioned in Poland in general and especially in Zabrze.

Kind Regards

Mats Helmfrid, Mayor City of Lund