Expression of my support to World Wide Views on Global Warming

As member of the Danish Parliament 'Folketinget' and chairman of the Commission on Environment and Planning, which is responsible for climate control issues, I want to express my sincere support to the global project 'World Wide Views on Global Warming'.

My support is rooted in the following three points:

Firstly, the international issue of climate change deserves the attention of and input from citizens around the globe. Climate change will affect any individual on our planet and so will the policies that will be installed. From a global democratic point of view this is a development that cannot only be decided on the political scene. Citizens should have a say and we, as politicians should be ready to listen.

Secondly, climate change needs the action of everyone on our globe. We will not succeed in saving the planet from severe damage if we do not take responsibility on all levels of decision-making – from world leadership to everyday life. The involvement and consultation of citizens therefore is a crucial element in the needed global organisation of efforts.

Thirdly, I have a deep trust to the organisations behind this project. The Danish Board of Technology serves the Danish Parliament with advice and dialogue processes on technological issues. They are global frontrunners on methods in their professional discipline, especially with regards to civil engagement. The Danish Cultural Institute has a long and impressive merit of inter-cultural dialogue. I feel very much assured that they will bring this project safely to its destination and do that independent from political influence and with high credibility.

It is my hope that the World Wide Views on Global Warming will receive support from a broad range of institutions, funds, media, politicians and citizens all over the world. It is a grand and in many ways historic project, which deserves such support.

I wish for everyone involved in the project that they will receive the necessary backup and that they will have a good time making this important activity.

Yours sincerely

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