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Dear Prof Leif Svanström

As the capital of the Republic of Estonia, throughout years Tallinn has paid close attention to the safety of its residents. Accordingly, the Health Development Plan for the Population of Tallinn for 2008-2015, approved by Tallinn City Council, in the long term aims to create a safe and health promoting socio-psychological, socio-economic, work, study, and living environment to thereby provide favourable conditions and self-responsibility motivation for each of the city's residents for making as healthy choices as possible, for improving the quality of life, which includes the reduction of the number of injuries and accidents. Our specific goals include reducing the number of injury deaths in children and the number of injuries in the adult population.

The Health Profile of Tallinn and the Injury Profile of Tallinn highlight the alarming frequency of occurrence of various injuries and accidents.

In order to achieve the goals set and start the necessary activities, the Health Coalition of Tallinn was formed by Tallinn City Government Ruling No. 46 of 18 June 2008. The Coalition connects the City Council members, heads of the 8 city districts and City Government authorities, entrepreneurs, representatives of Tallinn's universities, and health promoters. The work of the Health Coalition is supervised by the Mayor of Tallinn. Based on a resolution of the Health Coalition's meeting of 3 February 2010, the process of joining the International Network of Safe Communities was initiated along with the preparation of the documentation required for joining.

I hereby kindly ask you to initiate the process of joining the International Network of Safe Communities for Tallinn, a capital with 411,920 residents.

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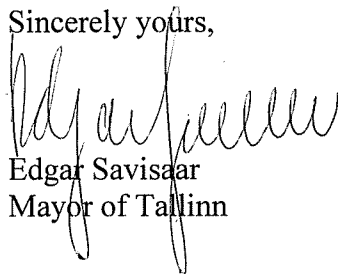
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