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The Honorable Filippo Sacchetti, Mayor City Hall, Ganganelli Square 1 Santarcangelo di Romagna Rimini District, Italy 47822

Dear Mayor Sacchetti,

On behalf of the Portsmouth City Council and the citizens of your Friendship City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire I extend my hearty congratulations on your recent election as Mayor!

When we formalized our Friendship City agreement in December 2019, fifty Portsmouth residents with friends and relatives still in Santarcangelo shared the moment and their deep affection for your city via Skype. I join them in saluting the place their ancestors called home.

As someone who also served as a City Councilor before becoming Mayor, I recognize your long dedication and appreciate your commitment to serving your constituents. Also, having met the representatives of your fair city – especially the extraordinary students – who visited here last October, I expect you are already taking delight and satisfaction from your new role. We speak the same language of community service.

Thanks to their interest along with other Italian-Americans in Portsmouth – and Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti and his support of educational resources – some of us will be better prepared to speak the actual same language when we next have the opportunity to share whatever partnerships our Friendship City agreement affords.

Congratulazioni!

Very best regards,

Deaglan McEachern

Mayor