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Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Council Members:

Recently I met with Western Connecticut State University's Associate Professor of Political Science, Dr. Chris Kukk, regarding an initiative called City of Compassion. His request is to designate the City of Danbury as a nationally recognized City of Compassion.

The initiative is a national movement focused on bringing to life the principles of compassion in cities, towns and organizations throughout the world. The designation would call on individuals to always treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

In light of the recent visit from the Dali Lama in October of 2012, and the tragedy that hit so close to home in Newtown in December, an initiative such as this could bring much needed awareness, comfort, and support to many of our residents, bringing us together to stand united for respect, justice and peace.

At this time, I am requesting that you create an Ad-Hoc for the purpose of meeting with Dr. Kukk and his students involved in this initiative to review this request in greater detail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor