

To all sponsors of the 20 city initiative

There are many solutions to global warming, but as a society we still do not possess sufficient will to change and create the conditions for successful implementation of these solutions. As in all democracies, the necessary changes will only take place once they are wished by the voting public.

The public can only form and express its opinion if it is sufficiently aware of the facts related to global warming and the consequences it will have for our planet and all the living creatures on it, including ourselves.

The concluding consensus in the IPCC's report, recently presented by the United Nations, is that we are causing global warming. But this report is obviously scientific in its nature and therefore not a particularly attractive read to the general public.

Therefore I fully support the Planet Prosperity Foundation's initiative to show the Film An Inconvenient Truth for free throughout the Netherlands. This film gives a clear and understandable message that the process of global warming will be a great threat to all of us in the near future if relevant action is delayed.

I thus express my sincere hope that both Government and Industry will sponsor the 20 city initiative.

Sincerely,

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