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Dear colleagues,

Please allow me to formally submit my candidacy for the position of Vice-President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

For nearly twelve years, I have served as a member of a municipal council, and I am currently completing my eighth year as a mayor. Throughout this time, I have gained valuable experience not only at the local level, but also through active engagement in national and international bodies.

At the same time, I represent a younger generation that is deeply committed to the future of Europe. Our continent is facing a number of significant challenges. It is therefore essential that we focus less on ideological divisions and more on addressing the practical concerns of our citizens - particularly young people, who experience these challenges in their daily lives.

I am also a candidate of the newly established political group Patriots for Europe, which has not yet been included in the political agreement on the distribution of positions within the Congress. I believe it would be both appropriate and beneficial for the diversity of voices within the Congress to be fully reflected.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I would be honoured to earn your support and I look forward to working together in the upcoming mandate of the Congress.

Your sincerely,

Richard Vereš