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Honored Guests, ladies and gentlemen:

The American Consulate General in Leipzig congratulates the cities of Lynchburg, Virginia and Glauchau, in the Free State of Saxony, on the memorable occasion of this signing your first "Sister City" agreement.

Partnerships between cities, as well as their residents, institutions, clubs, and businesses contribute significantly to transatlantic understanding. These relationships also make those things which could divide people: different languages, cultures, traditions, and values, into a point of contact rather than a separation. "Sister City" associations involve citizens of all ages, who engage with each other as friends, learning and benefiting from one another.

The American Consulate General in Leipzig has taken great interest in the activities of "The Friends of Lynchburg Committee" in Glauchau, and it is with great pleasure that we see this group's work rewarded by today's signing. This holds true in the same way for the many individuals and city officials who have contributed to this, thus far, informal partnership on both sides of the Atlantic.

May the partnership between the cities of Lynchburg and Glauchau be a long, successful and lively one, which will foster understanding and appreciation, of both what is shared and what can be learned.

Our sincerest greetings from Leipzig!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Wenig".

Mark L. Wenig
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