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Subject: Invitation to appear before the European Parliament to clarify allegations on the manipulation of Facebook user personal data by Cambridge Analytica

Dear Mr Zuckerberg,

I am contacting you, in agreement with Claude Moraes, Chair of the Committee for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, regarding recent allegations on the use of Facebook user personal data by Cambridge Analytica.

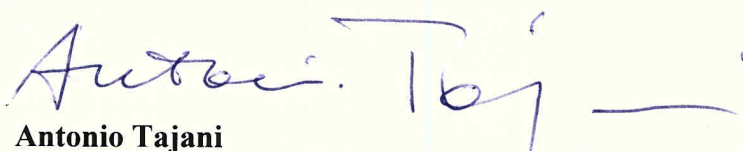
It appears that Cambridge Analytica may have illegally acquired and used personal data of millions of Facebook users without their consent. The data would have been used to influence the outcome of the US presidential elections, the Brexit referendum and possibly other electoral campaigns.

Moreover, it seems that Facebook would have been aware of such practices by Cambridge Analytica as far back as 2016.

Such conduct is worrisome and raises serious questions on the respect of fundamental privacy rights, data protection and freedom of expression.

Your presence at the European Parliament would be greatly appreciated and give you the opportunity to provide explanations to the 500 million Europeans that we represent. We expect Facebook to be fully committed to respecting our privacy and data protection rules. It will also be essential to provide convincing clarifications on the role of Cambridge Analytica and the impact of their actions on the functioning of democracy.

Yours sincerely,



Antonio Tajani

Cc: Claude Moraes MEP, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament