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For invites please

Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 5:10 PM  
**To:** HOGAN Phil (CAB-HOGAN)  
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**Subject:** Request for a meeting - European biodiesel production chain

Dear Commissioner Phil Hogan,

I am writing you on behalf of the European biodiesel production chain, to propose a meeting with the representatives of the European Biodiesel Board (EBB)\*, the European Oilseed Alliance (EOA)\*, and FEDIOL\*.

As you know, several major political and legislative initiatives are planned in the coming months, which could seriously impact our industry. Indeed, the Commission will publish its Communication on the decarbonisation of transports before the summer break, and is already working on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive and the European strategy for a sustainable bioenergy policy, both scheduled for the end of the year. These will define not only the EU strategic guidelines on climate and energy policy for the period after 2020, but will also determine the future of an industry that counts in the EU over 220.000 non-relocatable jobs – most of them in the agricultural sector - and significantly contributes to the reduction of both EU's protein deficit and its carbon footprint.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič declared in an exchange of views with the ENVI committee that *"a gradual phasing out of first generation biofuels is needed"*. These declarations, which come at a time where biodiesel is being publically attacked by NGO's campaigns, raises serious concerns for the entire biodiesel production chain. Our members would hence be honored to share their concerns and exchange ideas with you and your team on how the biodiesel industry can promote the solidity of the European agriculture sector.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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*On behalf of the biodiesel production chain*

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*\*The European Biodiesel Board (EBB) is a nonprofit organization established in January 1997. EBB represents more than 50 European biodiesel producers and aims to promote the use of biodiesel in the European Union.*

*\*FEDIOL is the federation representing the European industry of vegetable oils and proteins. Representing more than 35 companies in 17 countries and 20,000 employees, its members include producers, refiners and traders in the oil industry.*

*\*Founded in 2002, the EOA brings together the oilseed producing organizations from the main European countries (Germany, France, UK, Poland, Czech Republic, Finland and Belgium) and*

*represents 90% of European oilseed production.*

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