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Commissioner Climate Action & Energy
European Commission
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Dear Commissioner,

Invitation as keynote speaker for 17 November 2016 “Concrete Dialogue”: Energy-Efficiency & Affordable Housing: How to square the circle?

I am writing to you on behalf of The Concrete Initiative which is an industry grouping comprising CEMBUREAU (the European Cement Association), BIBM (the European Federation of Precast Concrete), ERMCO (the European Ready-Mix Concrete Organisation) and UEPG (the European Aggregates Association). The aim of The Concrete Initiative is to provide a platform on which we can discuss societal challenges in relation to sustainable construction and more particularly housing and infrastructure.

We organise our annual event under the name of “**Concrete Dialogue**” on **17 November 2016** in “*The Square*” meeting Centre in Brussels. The theme for our event centers around the question on how to reconcile the drive for energy efficient housing with the need to keep housing affordable for European citizens. You will find a brief outline of the concept in attachment.

As the reduction of emissions and improvement of energy efficiency in buildings are an essential part of the climate and energy agenda, we hope that you would be interested to share with us the efforts undertaken by the Commission in this area and how you see the link with access to affordable housing for citizens.

We would be very honoured and pleased to welcome you for the keynote speech at our event on 17 November 2016.

I look forward to your response and will be happy to discuss our event in more detail with you and your Cabinet.

Yours sincerely,

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