Dear Commissioner,

The fight against climate change is more than simply the reduction of CO₂ emissions. The European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) believes that it is about fundamentally reshaping our economy, from the way we generate electricity and manufacture our products to how we live and work. This new economy will need to be a sustainable energy economy.

With this in mind, ERT has produced the enclosed report **Co-Creating a Sustainable Energy Economy: ERT Companies Take the Lead**.

The primary objective of this report is to demonstrate, through a series of examples, how ERT Member companies are taking a lead in building the foundations for a sustainable energy economy for 2020 and beyond. The sustainable energy economy will be one where industry co-creates in a competitive way an energy efficient, low carbon society with governments and consumers. The co-creation of the economy is expected to be formed of many small step changes that will combine to impact on the way that we live at home, the way we as individuals work in the offices of 2020 and beyond and the way in which we use transport. Co-creating this competitive new economy requires the support of industry, government and consumers. Collectively it will be possible to strongly impact specific aspects of the economy, including those highlighted in this report; manufacturing and distribution, construction, smart and sustainable living, mobility and transportation and delivering energy.

European industry is fully and positively committed to contributing to the design and implementation of the sustainable energy economy necessary to mitigate and adapt to climate change: a lot has been done. This report highlights concrete examples of actions being taken by industry to move toward this new sustainable energy economy. This report was not intended to be exhaustive, but to illustrate how European industry is working together towards a sustainable energy economy.

But more needs to be achieved. To accelerate this transition and enhance European industry’s global leadership and competitiveness, policies designed by governments will play a key role. Side by side, industry and government can leverage knowledge, resources, technology and policy to “co-create a sustainable energy economy”.

Yours sincerely,

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