Dear Commissioner Breton,

I am writing to you on behalf of the President of Eurogas, the representative association of the European gas industry, to highlight the importance we attach to discussions on a forthcoming hydrogen initiative.

Eurogas believes that the focus of a hydrogen initiative should be on all forms of renewable and decarbonised hydrogen in combination with CCS. Such a ‘Clean Hydrogen Strategy’ is a great opportunity to signal Europe’s commitment to developing decarbonised gas, as a necessary fuel for a competitive industrial sector. It should also provide an opportunity to develop our own innovative manufacturing base in the technologies to decarbonise gas and the wider economy, including: hydrogen ready turbines, engines, heating appliances, fuel cells and electrolysers. Furthermore, as the IPCC report underlines, CCS is a central technology in achieving our climate ambitions and one that can facilitate the production of large volumes of decarbonised hydrogen from natural gas, if we quickly scale it up.

We would therefore urge you to ensure that any hydrogen initiative covers all forms of decarbonised hydrogen, not only hydrogen produced from renewable electricity.

Sincerely,

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