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Subject: RE: Mobile Chargers - Benefits of Compatibility, Supporting Study in Industrial Economics

Dear [REDACTED],

First of all, congratulations for your graduation!

Secondly, I would like to thank you for sharing your thesis with us.

As you are aware, the European Parliament -with a resolution of 30 January 2020- requested the Commission to adopt legislative measures for a common charger under the empowerment conferred by the Radio Equipment Directive.

We are currently working for the preparation of a legislative proposal that, unless delays due to the COVID-19 crisis, should be finalised by end of 2020.

Your work can definitely be of support for our analysis and I have already shared it with the team in charge. We will not hesitate to come back to you should further clarifications be needed.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Desk Officer for the Low Voltage Directive



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Dear EU commission

My name is [REDACTED] and I graduated in Economics from University of Bern this Spring 2020.

Having studied the "**Benefits of Compatibility for Mobile Chargers**" in my master thesis, I would like to send it to you for the current policy discussions about standardisation of mobile

charging and data transfer cables and plugs. The effects of the EU-MoU in 2009 have incited my motivation and thus the MoU is the starting point of my paper. For the thesis I was supported by [REDACTED] from the Economics Departement of the University of Bern.

The study uses a Mix-and-Match model (Industrial Economics) to analyse the benefits of compatibility for firms, consumers and society in particular. **I come to the conclusion that especially for more necessary components of systems, such as the mobile charger, a standardsation would be in favour of society.** Two robustness extensions with a Single Standard and Compatibility investment costs do not really change this conclusion.

I thank you in advance for your quick look into the attached study. Maybe you can make use of some supporting argument for the ongoing USB-C discussions. Please don't hesitate contact me for additional information or explanations. I will gladly support you in your endeavours to find an efficient policy solution for the benefit of all of us.

Best Wishes

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