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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you and all the scientists and economists that have co-signed your updated email of 16 February 2012 regarding indirect land use change related to biofuels. The Commissioner has asked me to reply to you on his behalf. As mentioned in my previous reply in November 2011, the Commission acknowledges that indirect land use change can reduce greenhouse gas emissions savings associated with biofuels, but also emphasizes that a number of limitations and uncertainties associated with the available models prevails.

Let me assure you that together with our colleagues in the Commission, we have continued to conduct work in this area and are currently finalising our impact assessment on this matter based on what we believe is the best available scientific evidence. This is in order to ensure that any potential legislative proposals for amending the Renewable Energy and Fuel Quality Directives are based on robust scientific evidence. However, the Commission has not yet adopted a decision on this matter. Thank you for making sure that all scientists that have co-signed the letter, will receive a copy of this reply.

Yours sincerely,


Jasmin Battista