

Brussels, 4 March 2015

To Commissioner Elzbieta Bienkowska
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels

Dear Commissioner,

The plastics industry fully supports the new Commission's focus on jobs, growth and competitiveness. We believe our industry plays a strategic role to support an industrial renaissance in Europe thanks to the multiplier effect of plastics which creates value in other sectors such as transport, construction or healthcare.

Since the Commission has started to work on a more ambitious proposal for a Circular Economy, I would like to take this as an opportunity to suggest a meeting in order to discuss how our industry could support you. As you might know, we call for Zero Plastics to Landfill by 2025 and therefore strongly support a ban on the landfilling of recyclable and other recoverable waste within 10 years in Europe.

I would also like to discuss chemical regulation and the role of science in policy making with you, two other issues of high importance to the plastics industry. This is of particular relevance now that the European Commission is working on several chemical-related topics such as developing criteria for identifying endocrine disrupters and the strategic approach for a non-toxic environment.

I would be available at your earliest convenience and look forward to hearing from you. My colleagues from PlasticsEurope will be meeting members of your cabinet in order to briefly discuss these issues ahead of our meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick Thomas