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Attachments: Letter to President von der Leyen on access to in-vehicle data legislation.pdf; Leaseurope letter to Commissioner Breton.pdf

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Dear Ms. Boeshertz,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am contacting you regarding the **Commission's upcoming initiative on access to in-vehicle data** on behalf of the **Car Rental Coalition**, which is composed of three leading car rental companies in Europe: Avis Budget Group, Europcar Mobility Group and Hertz Europe.

The Car Rental Coalition has been following with great interest the ongoing discussions on the long-awaited initiative: **as vehicle owners and/or fleet managers, access to in-vehicle data is critical for car rental companies** to provide innovative services and support their customers, as well as to ensure top maintenance and safety of their vehicles and favour the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs). As a result, the Coalition has responded to the Commission's [public consultation](#) on the initiative in the spring of 2022, and has had several exchanges with DG GROW and the Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans in the past few months.

However, the **Car Rental Coalition is alarmed by the significant delays in the initiative's timeline for publication and rumours that it may be presented as a non-legislative proposal**. This was highlighted by stakeholders in the attached letter of 23rd January 2023 to President Ursula von der Leyen (with Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis in copy) and the attached letter to Commissioner Thierry Breton of 1st February, which the Coalition's members all signed through the trade association Leaseurope. The concern here is that *"these delays have real world consequences for the vast majority of the automotive and mobility actors, while benefitting only one stakeholder group due to their privileged position in the data stream"*, but also that making the initiative non-legislative will result in a monopolistic situation restricting competition, limiting new developments and increasing costs for consumers.

In light of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis' key role in the College discussions on the file, would you be available for a call in the coming weeks with the Car Rental Coalition? We will do our best to accommodate your agenda and are happy to send out a Microsoft Teams invitation.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me in case of questions.

Best regards,

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