

THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Commissioner,

Cher M. Breton,

I would like to express my gratitude for the engaging and insightful meeting we recently had with you. We greatly appreciate your level of understanding for the European automotive industry.

Our industry is in the midst of a comprehensive transformation, with a strong focus on digitalization and sustainability. This change presents a clear opportunity for our global business models and for the industrial base of the European Union. Despite the challenges the coronavirus has presented, we as an industry have demonstrated our resilience. In Europe, within the context of the Green Deal, the next years will be fundamental in charting the future course of this key industry.

As we enter a fundamental phase of the regulatory debate, the European automotive industry has a united and progressive position. The upcoming Euro 7/VII regulation is no exception. The proposals the Commission will present later this year are crucial. You will find the industry's explanatory note on this issue and proposals regarding the main content and timing of this regulation attached to this letter. This approach would quickly achieve a significant reduction of pollutant emissions with a limited set of changes to existing testing conditions. In our view, it strikes the right balance between

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speed and ambition, generating another major step forward in enhancing air quality in the European Union. In parallel, it would ensure our significant R&D efforts and investments in electrification are not massively diverted. We sincerely hope it can be a basis for further discussion and cooperation with you personally and with your services.

Our progressive approach and determination to be part of the solution also applies to other important regulatory initiatives that we discussed.

We highly welcome your offer to have another meeting dedicated to the issue of sharing vehicle data, ideally before the summer break. On that occasion, we intend to provide you with our own concrete ideas and proposals to facilitate data sharing without jeopardising vehicle security or road safety.

Similarly, we will be both vocal and active in our support for your efforts to make Europe less dependent on semiconductors produced in other regions in the world. The rising demand for semiconductors is inherently linked to the increasing electrification and digitalisation of our products. We increasingly use semiconductors in a variety of systems ranging from driver assistance systems, powertrain and emission control systems, infotainment and telematics. We encourage an inclusive and comprehensive European approach that starts with skills and R&D competence and ends with industrialization and production capacities in the European Union. We stand ready to partner with the Commission in tackling this decisive topic of EU competitiveness.

Beyond environmental and data regulation, the automotive industry is committed to fulfilling wide-ranging safety regulations. Recent developments pertaining to the implementation of the General Safety Regulation are of great concern to our industry. The Commission has not been able to publish the delegated acts regarding important safety technologies such as intelligent speed assistance, emergency lane keeping systems, driver drowsiness awareness systems, alcohol interlocks, and event data recorders by the legally mandated date of 5 April 2021.

We are awaiting the timeline for publication of these acts from the Commission. As a consequence, vehicle manufacturers will have less than the legally entitled 15 months to incorporate these technologies into the new vehicle types that are mandatory starting from 6 July 2022. We would appreciate any guidance you can provide on this issue.



Dear Commissioner,

As a key European industry, we share your passion and vision for a sustainable and economically successful industrial base in the European Union. With the right framework conditions our industry can enhance its global leadership. We look forward to working with you and your services in a continued spirit of openness, trust and productivity.

I speak on behalf of all ACEA members by extending an invitation to you to experience first-hand how this transition is taking shape in our many R&D and production facilities across Europe. We would be pleased to organise a visit for you and your team to one of the many sites of the ACEA member companies at your convenience.

Best regards,



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