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Dear Mrs. Hedegaard,

The Association of European renewable ethanol producers is having in Brussels on September 26/27 its second annual policy conference.

We would be honoured if you would be available to give the keynote speech on September 26, late afternoon.

We are trying again. Last year you were unfortunately not available. We are hopeful that this year your agenda will allow some time to meet us.

Since the EU has biofuel legislation biofuels have always been on the political agenda. In recent year the discussion is mainly on land use changes. We, as ethanol producers are convinced that we have a good story to bring. We are determined to produce in a responsible and technological innovative way the best possible biofuel. We are investing in the production of ligno-cellulosic ethanol because we are convinced that this will be the future. Our member companies such as Abengoa, Tereos, DONG and Novozymes are in the forefront of improving this technology. It is important that we hear from persons like yourself that these investments need to continue.

The EU ethanol producers are ambitious and have the objective to produce biofuels done excellent.

We can only do so if the debate on ILUC will be concluded swiftly. The European ethanol is not walking away from this debate. We are convinced as was confirmed by the latest IFPRI report that the EU ethanol can face the challenge. Therefore we would welcome soon a proposal on the table.

We are convinced that your participation to our modest conference will contribute to a better understanding from ePURE's members of your position on biofuels, more in particular bioethanol.

We have foreseen a 30 minutes time slot at the end of the afternoon but are of course flexible in meeting your wishes on the timetable.

The audience will consist out of members of the association and invited guests such as from the European Parliament, national administrations and other stakeholder groups. We apply Chatham House rules so that all speakers can speak freely.

I attach for your information the draft programme.

I truly hope that this time your busy schedule will allow you to join us.

Sincerely yours,



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President ePURE



Robert Vierhout
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