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To: All commissioners

**Re: Electrification of transport within the European Energy Union
Communication**

Dear Commissioner,

In the coming days you will be discussing one of the EU's key priorities for the next decade: creating a European Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy. We call on you to focus on the transport sector, which represents about a third of the EU's overall energy consumption and is almost exclusively dependent on imported fossil fuels

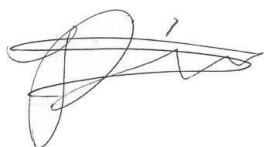
A European Energy Union represents a unique opportunity to move towards a comprehensive strategy for the electrification of transport. A progressive electrification of transport, ranging from private vehicles to public transport and rail, can help diversify our energy sources, improve energy efficiency, air quality, and reduce oil imports. It reduces greenhouse gas emissions from transport and helps balance increasing variability in the power sector. As the electricity sector is becoming increasingly decarbonised, the use of electricity in transport could contribute to further significant reductions in the EU's overall greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, electrification of transport should be a key EU political priority to maintain the competitiveness of European industry and stimulate innovation, jobs and growth.

Electrification of transport would also contribute to energy security, by reducing oil dependence and creating domestic demand for electricity and promoting the diversification of fuels with a potential for true zero carbon

mobility. It also represents a significant opportunity for decarbonisation of transport by 2050, as highlighted in the transport white paper.

We urge you to make electrification of transport one of the EU's flagship initiatives within a EU Energy Union and develop a holistic European strategy to accelerate its uptake within the emerging plans for an energy union.

Yours sincerely,



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