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To:

President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen Swedish Presidency of the Council

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Vice-President Frans Timmermans Commissioner for Transport, Adina Vălean Commissioner for Internal Market, Thierry Breton EU Permanent Representations

March 20th, 2023

Subject: Businesses call for a swift adoption of the Regulation on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans

Dear President von der Leyen Dear Ambassador Danielsson,

We are writing to express our concern that Member States are reconsidering their support for the 2035 phase out date for petrol and diesel cars and small vans. The EU businesses need clarity and high ambition in legislation to support their longer-term plans to switch to electric vehicles.

The 127 businesses that comprise the EV100 network have already committed to fully decarbonising their vehicle fleets by 2030 without the use of e-fuels. Leading companies in our network and beyond are demonstrating their commitment to the EV transition that is already well underway.

The reversal of the ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2035 would have adverse consequences for the environment and air quality (road transport remains the largest source of particulate matter emissions where people live and work)¹. The lack of a strong regulatory framework could have significant consequences for businesses' decarbonisation plans. In addition, without adopting the Regulation on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans, the EU will be unable to reach its climate neutrality goal by 2050 – which Member States are committed to.

This sets a dangerous precedent for EU policy making and undermines business trust in the political and policy making process. First mover companies have already significantly invested in zero emission vehicles and should be rewarded for taking the inherent risks to decarbonise their fleet. It would be a very negative signal to reverse the political agreement reached last year.

We call on Member States to honour the political agreement reached between the co-legislators during the trilogue negotiations and set a clear path for European companies already decarbonising their fleet by investing in electric vehicles, in line with EU's climate targets.

Yours Sincerely	/	
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The signatories

¹ https://www.eea.europa.eu//publications/air-quality-in-europe-2022



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