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Dear Member of the European Parliament,

CLECAT, ECASBA, ECSA, ESC and UNICE are writing to you as representatives of European industry. Our members create and generate trade, and provide logistics and transport services, and are the backbone of the European economy.

We would like to bring to your attention the importance European industry attaches to the vote of the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism (RETT) on the European Commission's proposal for a Directive on Market Access to Port Services, on 10 October 2001. This initiative has to be seen in the context of many market-opening measures, inside and outside the transport sector, which have taken place over the recent years.

The RETT Committee has expressed itself in favour of fully maintaining the scope of the proposal, including technical-nautical services, cargo-handling and passenger services. Concerns on safety, the environment and social issues have also been taken into account. With this decision the RETT Committee favourably contributes to completing the internal transport market and paving the way for improving quality and efficiency of port services. This will increase the efficiency of supply chains and support a more prominent role for maritime transport and short-sea shipping, thereby promoting the development of a sustainable transport policy.

For these reasons we urge you to maintain the scope of the European Commission's proposal in the November Plenary of the European Parliament.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact any of the organisations below.

Yours faithfully,

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