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Dear President, *Dear Mr. Schulz,*

ETS backloading procedure

In relation to the upcoming vote in the Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on the Groote Report on backloading for the EU ETS, I would like to bring to your attention a procedural issue that deserves to be carefully considered to ensure sound and informed policy making.

We understand that it is currently discussed whether the ENVI Committee should vote to give a mandate to the Rapporteur Groote for early trialogue negotiations with the Council and the Commission on this dossier.

While the ENVI Committee is the lead committee on backloading, we believe that consultation of all Members of the European Parliament in Plenary is essential for such an important and political debate.

The negative vote of the Committee for Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) on backloading proves that many question the approach proposed by the Commission to solve the inconsistencies of the existing climate and energy framework.

In the same line, BUSINESSEUROPE has expressed its opposition to backloading and called for a debate on the structural reform of climate, energy and industrial policies for 2030.

Having the European Parliament Plenary discussing and voting on this dossier would ensure a full, democratic assessment of all the views expressed and would also provide the required political support for whichever decision is taken.

We count on your support to enable a comprehensive, pragmatic and responsible debate in Plenary on the ETS backloading later this year.

A copy this letter has been sent to the following members of the Conference of Presidents - Mr. Daul, Mr. Swoboda, Mr. Verhofstadt, Mr. Callanan, Mr. Cohn-Bendit, Mrs. Harms, Mrs. Zimmer - and to Mr. Groote.

Yours sincerely,

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