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To: Political group coordinators in TRAN and ENVI Committees

Cc: Mrs Karima Delli, Chair of the TRAN Committee
Mrs Adina-loana Valean, Chair of the ENVI Committee
Rapporteurs and Shadow Rapporteurs on the Renewable Energy Directive recast, TRAN and ENVI Committees

Dear Members of Parliament,

The debate on the future of the EU renewable energy policy is at a key moment and, as the associations representing the entire biofuels value chain in Europe, we consider it crucial to get it right. That is why the decision last Thursday by the TRAN committee to postpone the vote on its opinion on RED II is of concern to us – just as it was clearly of concern to several Members of the TRAN Committee.

We believe that Members of the TRAN Committee should have their say on the legislation and that their view should be given full consideration by the ENVI Committee, given its exclusive competence on key aspects of the file, including the sustainability criteria (article 25) and treatment of conventional biofuels (article 7).

For this reason, we would suggest that unless the TRAN Committee is able to hold its vote this week – thus giving enough time for ENVI Members to take its opinion into account – that the ENVI Committee should also delay its vote, currently scheduled for the 23rd of October.

Given the seriousness of this issue – especially the impact the European Commission's proposal would have on EU climate goals, jobs, and our industrial and agricultural sectors – we hope you will see the wisdom of setting an appropriate legislative timetable so that the opinion of all involved MEPs and Committees can indeed be considered.

Sincerely,

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FEDIOL is the European Association representing the vegetable oils and protein meal industry. The sector covers more than 150 facilities belonging to 35 companies in 17 countries and employs directly 20,000 people. Its members process oilseeds, refine and bottle vegetable oils.

The **European Biodiesel Board (EBB)** is a non-profit organisation established in January 1997. Today, EBB gathers close to 70 members across 21 Member-States, which represents 75% of the European output. Biodiesel is the main European solution to reduce emissions from transport and dependence on imported oil. EBB aims to promote the use of biodiesel in the European Union and is committed to fulfil International standards for sustainability in GHG emissions and sustainable feedstock. EBB is constantly working towards the development of improved and greener technologies.

The **European renewable ethanol association (ePURE)** represents the interests of European renewable ethanol producers to the European institutions, industry stakeholders, the media, academia and the general public. The organisation, established in 2010, promotes the beneficial uses of ethanol throughout Europe. Based in Brussels, ePURE represents 42 member companies, with 50 production plants in 16 member states, accounting for about 85% of the installed renewable ethanol capacity in Europe.

COCERAL is the European association of trade in cereals, rice, feedstuffs oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply. It represents the interest of the European collectors, traders, importers, exporters and port silo storekeepers of the above mentioned agricultural products. **COCERAL's** full members are 21 national associations in 15 countries and 1 European association [Unistock]. With about 3500 companies as part of **COCERAL** national members, the sector trades agricultural raw materials destined to the supply of the food and feed chains, as well as for technical and energy uses. COCERAL has 1 associated member in Switzerland and 2 European Associations (EUROMALT and EUROMAISIER). Gafta is an extraordinary member of COCERAL.

Founded in 2002, the **European Oilseed Alliance (EOA)** brings together the oilseed producing organizations from the main European countries (Germany, France, UK, Poland, Czech Republic, Finland and Belgium) and represents 90% of European oilseed production.

The **C.I.B.E.** is the international confederation of sugar beet growers. It represents the interests of beet growers vis-à-vis European Institutions and international organisations since 1927. CIBE is composed of national and regional associations from 18 European beet-producing countries. These include 140,000 growers from 16 EU countries (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Sweden, the United Kingdom) and roughly 130,000 growers from 2 non-EU countries (Turkey and Switzerland).

CEPM brings together Professionnal and inter-Professionnal organisations whose mission is to represent and defend in their respective countries the interests of all or part of the maize chain: corn, maize silage, maize seed and sweet corn. To fulfil these objectives, CEPM carries out monitoring, lobbying and communication activities, and makes concrete proposals.

Copa and Cogeca are the united voice of farmers and agri-cooperatives in the EU. Together, they ensure that EU agriculture is sustainable, innovative and competitive, guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe. Copa represents over 23 million farmers and their families whilst Cogeca represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 66 member organisations from the EU member states. Together, they are one of the biggest and most active lobbying organisations in Brussels.