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Dear President,

We, Members of the European Parliament, are very much concerned about a possible delay to the launch of the European energy efficiency action plan. We strongly ask you to keep the foreseen schedule and to publish the plan at latest in October.

The plan must however also have substance. The European Parliament asked the Commission in its resolution on the green paper on energy efficiency (Vidal Quadras report) to come forward with an ambitious energy efficiency action plan, with specific actions and deadlines in the field of buildings, transport, electricity and industry. We need this plan to show Europe's commitment to reach the minimum 20% goal on energy efficiency by 2020. The EU energy efficiency action plan must also guide the Member States' national energy efficiency action plans. Member states need to get prepared for their national energy efficiency action plans to be ready for July 2007. In order to achieve the necessary preparations, the energy efficiency action plans have to be on the top of the agenda in the November Energy Council meeting under the Finnish Presidency. So, there is no scope for a delay!

Energy efficiency has been identified by the Commission as its number one priority in the energy field. The green paper on energy efficiency spurred market players to participate in the consultation process in large numbers. The European Parliament demonstrated clearly its ambition for Europe to promote and lead a global market in energy efficiency. We need to continue this strong approach towards a strengthened energy efficiency policy. Otherwise we risk Europe losing the chance to be a credible leader in this field.

Again, we would like to stress this cross-party and cross country support for an ambitious energy efficiency action plan now with a strong statement on a 20% target.

Yours sincerely,

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