



The President

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Dear Mr Riss,

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2015, on behalf of many NGOs, in relation to "Dieselgate and the EU action to protect citizens from air pollution and the manipulative and fraudulent behaviour of carmakers".

As you certainly know, the European Parliament reacted very quickly after the action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and adopted, on 27 October 2015, a resolution on "Emission measurements in the automotive industry" in which, inter alia, it "*Urges full transparency on the part of the Commission and the Member States about their knowledge of these breaches and the actions they have taken to address them; calls for a thorough investigation regarding the role and responsibility of the Commission and of Member State authorities, bearing in mind inter alia the problems established in the 2011 report of the Commission's Joint Research Centre*".

As a follow-up to this resolution, the European Parliament also decided, on 17 December 2015, to set up a Committee of Inquiry into emission measurements in the automotive sector. The Committee of Inquiry is specifically tasked of investigating "*alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of the Union law in relation to emission measurements in the automotive sector, without prejudice to the jurisdiction of national or Union courts*". The Committee of Inquiry will deliver an interim report within six months of starting its work and a final report within twelve months.

I have forwarded your letter to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, responsible for the legislation on car emissions, and will forward it to the Committee of Inquiry as soon as it becomes operational, so that it can be taken into account in their future work on this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Schulz