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To:

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
Frans Timmermans, first Vice-President for Better Regulation,
Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of
Fundamental Rights
Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for Energy Union
Günther H. Oettinger, Commissioner for Budget & Human Resources
Violeta Bulc, Commissioner for Transport
Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action & Energy

Brussels, 27 April 2018

Subject: Low and zero-emission mobility and alternative fuel infrastructure in the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework

Dear President Juncker, Vice-President Timmermans, Vice-President Šefčovič, Commissioner Oettinger, Commissioner Bulc, and Commissioner Cañete,

The leading role of the European Union in decarbonisation has been translated into binding emission reduction objectives for the Union by 2030 under the Paris Agreement. Having already reduced CO₂ emissions from new vehicles by 42% between 2005 and 2021, automobile manufacturers are committed to further reducing emissions in the context of the newly-proposed CO₂ targets for cars and vans for 2030 and of the revised Clean Vehicles Directive.

However, the enabling conditions for our industry to meet these targets are missing. Recent data by the European Environment Agency (EEA) shows that there is still serious underinvestment in vehicle charging and refuelling infrastructure across Europe, greatly hindering the market uptake of low and zero-emission vehicles. Electrically-chargeable cars, for instance, represent just 1.5% of all new cars sold. Due to the poor implementation of the Directive on the Deployment of Alternative Fuel Infrastructure, we understand that the European Commission has been obliged to launch several infringement procedures against Member States.

The upcoming proposal for a post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) offers a great opportunity to address this situation. Indeed, deploying a sufficiently dense network of charging



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and fuelling infrastructure for all alternatively-powered vehicles (electric, hydrogen, compressed natural gas, etc) right across the EU would help filling the missing links in Europe's climate, transport and energy strategies.

The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) therefore calls on you to earmark additional funding for low- and zero-emission mobility under the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework. In particular, a sufficient part of the future Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) budget for transport and energy could be dedicated to building up a critical mass of alternative fuel charging and fuelling infrastructure by 2030, thereby strongly supporting the EU's strategy for low and zero-emission mobility.

We thank you in advance for continuing supporting the rapid expansion of refuelling and recharging infrastructure for alternative powered vehicles, both passenger & commercial vehicles, both in urban areas as well as alongside the highways in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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