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Dear Mr Dittel,

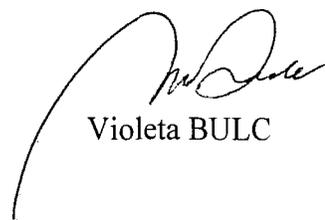
Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2018, by which you transmitted a resolution of the Federation of National Private Transporters - NiT Hungary on several aspects of the Mobility Package adopted by the Commission on 31 May 2017.

I fully share your concerns about market fragmentation. The Commission proposals adopted on 31 May 2017 are precisely aimed at harmonising operating conditions across the EU, in order to avoid unilateral measures which endanger the internal road haulage market.

The Commission's proposals are also aimed at a simplification of the rules, for example in relation to cabotage restrictions. Reducing administrative burdens is at the core of the Mobility Package and that is why the Commission has proposed a simplified and sector-specific system for the application of posting rules to road transport. This being said, I would like to stress that Directive 96/71/EC on the posting of workers has always been applicable to the transport sector, except the merchant navy, which is explicitly exempted. The fact that transport workers are highly mobile should not preclude them from the benefits of social protection. With the proposed *lex specialis*, the Commission has taken into account the sector's high mobility and its transnational character.

I look forward to a continued fruitful cooperation with NiT Hungary on these issues and remain hopeful that an agreement on the Mobility Package will be reached with the co-legislators in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Violeta BULC