

Warsaw, February 4th, 2019

Mr Antonio Tajani

President of the European Parliament

Dear Mr President,

acting on behalf of the Employers' Association "Transport and Logistics Poland", I would like to express our deepest concern over the legislative process on the Mobility Package 1.

Already at the time of the proposal by the European Commission, solutions proposed in this package aroused great excitement among interested communities, societies and authorities of the Member States. This means, on the one hand, the legislative initiative in this area was and is needed, but on the other hand it means the need to search for optimal solutions that would take into account legitimate arguments of all interested parties. We mean solutions that, by increasing the area of social protection and reducing the gray economic zone, would at the same time take into account the needs of the European economy and would avoid fragmentation of the single market for transport services.

By actively observing the legislative process with great concern, we noted that the subsequent stages of work in the European Parliament and its Committees are becoming less and less transparent. The documents submitted for the very last moment are not socially consulted with all parties involved. In addition, they introduce further new radical solutions quite far from the scope of the subject matter of the Committee's proposal. Solutions that are lacking in-depth discussion even among the MEP's themselves. There are solutions for which no one has made an assessment of the socio-economic effects of regulation, which is astonishing considering the greatest importance of the European road transport sector for the entire EU economy.

The results of subsequent votes, as well as actions taken by Parliament bodies in their consequences, show a very deep division among the MEP's. There are also growing doubts about compliance with legislative procedures. We have the impression that substantive discussion leading to compromise solutions is replaced by force activities. And yet it was the European Parliament that repeatedly pointed out that democracy can never mean the dictatorship of the majority.

In addition, political issues are increasingly dominating in the debate, and the socio-economic ones are piling into insignificance. We see an increasing pressure to finish the work on the Mobility Package 1 as soon as possible and at all costs before the elections to the European Parliament, in order to use it during this year's election campaign. That means striving to finish the work at the expense of the quality of the new law, at the expense of compliance of the legislative process with the applicable law, at the expense of socio-economic effects, at the expense of introducing a deep division between Member States and EU societies and at the expense of confidence falling in the European Union, its bodies and law among a large part of EU citizens .

Therefore, we would like to ask you to consider the possibility of suspending the work on the Mobility Package 1 so that calmly, when electoral emotions abate, without political pressure, new term European Parliament would deal with it. The upcoming election campaign may prevent all the parties to the dispute from making responsible and prudent decisions, replacing it with a test of strength. In our opinion that would be far from the standards of real, not only formal democracy.

Yours faithfully

Maciej Wroński

President

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