



OPEN LETTER REGARDING THE WITHDRAWAL AND RENEWED DISCUSSION OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY PACKAGE TO:

PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President Juncker,

As representatives from industry, NGOs, municipalities and public service providers, we bring to you our joint views on the importance of ensuring the continuity of European waste legislation and the implementation of a circular economy.

The creation of a circular economy in Europe is crucial, as it is the foundation for the economic growth and global competitiveness that you seek to bring to the European Union. Waste legislation is a critical cog in the wheel of a circular economy and the current legislative deadline for its revision provides a golden opportunity to bring in the clarification and harmonisation which has been lacking.

Member States look to the European Commission to provide coordinated policies, continuity and the legal certainty which is crucial to long-term planning. If there is too much delay in the re-tabling of a revised waste legislative package and direction towards a circular economy, this will send the wrong signals to Member States, both undermining existing and recent investments as well as stalling plans.

We underline the importance of the publication of a new proposal within a short timeframe, to enable our European economy to rebound through the creation of a circular economy. To this end, each of the co-signatories are prepared to resume work with you and your services as part of the stakeholder consultation process.

Yours sincerely,



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