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Honourable Members of the European Parliament,

I refer to your letter of 1 June 2016 and your joint call to ensure that the proposal for a revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive includes a clear renovation vision for the existing buildings stock to bring it to nearly zero energy building levels by 2050.

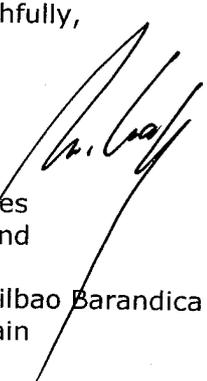
I fully share your view on the multiple benefits of energy efficiency and its pivotal role in delivering on our COP21 commitments and the fight against climate change. Buildings are a priority area for the Commission in this regard. As your letter rightly points out, a key question that the legislative review has to address is how to raise building renovation rates and send the right long-term signals for investors.

My services are looking deeper into concrete elements of forward-looking and effective measures to have a clear long-term vision for existing buildings in 2050. We are regularly in contact with Members of the Parliament, and other stakeholders, during this process.

We are at the same time considering how to build on our existing regulatory framework and update it with a view to a 2030 horizon and beyond. A link should be made with our low carbon mobility strategy and, more broadly, look into ways to make the EU building stock smarter to facilitate its integration into the smart energy system of the future and to help consumers take control of their energy consumption.

I can assure you that these elements receive my full attention as part of our ongoing preparations of the energy efficiency package to be adopted in the autumn.

Yours faithfully,


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