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Dear Mr President,

The Commission welcomes the interest of the German Bundesrat in its initiative on consumer collective redress {COM(2008)794} and the valuable comments that it provided on the refined options of the collective redress consultation paper. These comments will help the Commission in its decision-making process.

The Commission wishes to reiterate its intention to envisage EU legislation in the area of mass claims only if a need for intervention at European level is proven. The Commission is very interested in receiving the results of any evaluation by Member States of their own collective redress systems, as any future initiative at EU level will benefit from such experiences.

The Commission informs the German Bundesrat that it has published all contributions to the consultation paper and a feedback statement on its website. Any possible future initiative will be based on a thorough assessment of the outcome of the consultation.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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