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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Communication "Towards a circular economy: a zero waste programme for Europe" {COM(2014) 398 final}. This Communication has been an important step in launching the circular economy debate in Europe.

The new Commission has reaffirmed its commitment to promoting the transition towards a resource-efficient, circular economy in Europe, which will have a major positive impact on jobs, growth, competitiveness and innovation. The development of the circular economy is supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds and falls entirely within the scope of the strategic European investment fund recently proposed by the Commission under the new investment plan. The Commission agrees with the Camera Deputaților that keeping resources within the economy represents both opportunities and challenges for the EU and its Member States and further measures are needed to increase recycling, reduce landfilling, and address specific waste issues.

In line with its Work Programme for 2015, the Commission on 25 February 2015 withdrew the waste proposal in order to make way in 2015 for a more ambitious approach that can be more effective. While a revised waste proposal will take better account of the situation in the various Member States, the broader approach to the circular economy wants to address all elements of the cycle, inter alia looking at supporting better product design and sustainable consumption on the one hand, and at facilitating the development of a market for recycled products and raw materials on the other hand.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our constructive dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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