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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings and Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency {COM(2022) 222 final}.

The Commission welcomes the favorable assessment of the proposal and the support expressed by the Senat. We especially appreciate that the Senat recognises that our proposal is essential to achieve climate neutrality and independence from Russian fossil fuels, as well as that it respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and the different energy policies and priorities of each Member State. The proposal is currently in the legislative process, where the European Parliament and the Council need to agree on a final text.

The Commission also takes note of Senat's comment that each Member State's renewable energy target must be negotiated taking into account the state of critical infrastructure, its energy system, and the technologies it prefers to deploy to achieve the target. While the proposal on renewable energy sources sets the overall objectives that Member States should achieve collectively, it does not prescribe how these should be reached. This ensures flexibility for Member States on how to achieve the proposed increased renewable energy targets in the most cost-effective manner, adopting decarbonisation pathways tailored to their specific circumstances.

The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided have addressed the issues raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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