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*Dear Mr. Cash,*

*The Commission would like to thank the House of Commons for having undertaken the analysis of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) and for sharing with us the conclusions of this report. We have read the report with great attention and apologise for the delay in replying.*

*The Commission welcomes the support of the House of Commons for the Union's role as the global leader on climate change and we share your view that the EU ETS could serve as a model for carbon pricing in third countries that have not yet adopted binding emission reduction targets.*

*The Commission appreciates the analysis of the limited effects of a national carbon price floor and takes note of the points made in the report regarding the carbon price. As you point out in the report, such a price floor will not accomplish any additional emission reductions in the EU and will pose the challenge of intra-EU leakage.*

*I can assure you that the Commission remains committed to further improving the functioning of the EU ETS as a key climate policy instrument.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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