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CC:  Jean-Claude Juncker, President, European Commission  
Karl Falkenberg, Director-General DG Environment, European Commission  
Catherine Day, Secretary-General, European Commission  
Bernardus Smulders, Head of Cabinet of Commission Vice-President Timmermans

Dear Vice President Timmermans,


On 16 December 2014 you announced the plan to withdraw the following proposal as adopted by the European Commission on 2 July 2014: 

When announcing this plan, no analysis or evidence was provided that would justify such a decision.

On the grounds of Art 6 of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 we therefore apply for access to any document that provides, or purports to provide, the justification for the planned withdrawal of the aforementioned proposal, COM/2014/0397 final – 2014/0201 (COD).

We furthermore request access to all documentation held by your office or the Secretariat General produced since the new Commission taking up office and correspondence between any
of the Commission’s directorates and agencies which directly relates to the plan to withdraw the aforementioned legislative proposal.

This includes email correspondence, minutes of meetings, data exchange and all other relevant information or documentation.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request and look forward to a substantive reply within the applicable time limit.

Yours sincerely,

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