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Dear Commissioner Bieńkowska,

### **Non-compliance of new cars with emissions standards**

You will be aware of the significant issue that have arisen in the last few days relating to exhaust emissions from new passenger cars.

Like the UK, I am sure the Commission is keen to reassure drivers and use this moment to demonstrate that the European engine testing regime is robust.

I am writing to seek your assurances that the European Commission will investigate this matter thoroughly and take appropriate action to avoid a reoccurrence.

The UK is committed to delivering cleaner air for our citizens and a key element of this is setting the correct standards for new cars at EU level. The UK has pressed for the earliest introduction of the new Real Driving Emissions test and the current issue reinforces my view that we must finalise these measures urgently and so set a clear obligation for vehicle manufacturers.

Europe has some of the most successful automotive companies in the world, as well a major policy on air quality. Public confidence is vital if they are to succeed.

I am copying this letter to Commissioner Bulc for information.

Yours sincerely

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