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**RE: Put consumers first and have WLTP for all vehicles by 2018**

Dear Commissioner Bieńkowska,

I am writing to you on behalf of BEUC, The European Consumer Organisation, with regard to the expected votes in the European Commission's Technical Committee on Motor Vehicles (June 14) and Climate Change Committee (June 23) concerning the adoption of a new fuel consumption and CO2 test protocol, the Worldwide harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP).

We are concerned that full implementation of the protocol will be put back to 2019, a year after originally planned, because car makers are lobbying for a delay. This would ultimately mean that consumers will have to wait another year before having more realistic fuel consumption and emissions figures – something that has been long awaited for many years already.

We find this possible delayed outcome astonishing, considering the ongoing vehicle testing scandal that has revealed a systematic attempt by car makers to manipulate official EU tests. We want consumers, and not car makers, to be put first.

We call on you to **propose a phase in of the WLTP for new vehicles as of September 2017 and for all vehicles as of September 2018, as originally planned**. Consumers should be presented with the information on the car label as soon as possible after September 2018.

We thank you for taking into consideration our position in the Commission's negotiations with the Member States.

Best regards,

Monique Goyens  
Director General

Note: This letter will also be sent to Commissioner Cañete.