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Dear Lena,

We are writing to you regarding Commissioner Hedegaard's proposal to implement article 7a of the Fuel Quality Directive, in advance of the vote on the 23rd February in the Fuel Quality Committee.

As an MEP, you shared our concern about original drafts of the implementing measure - which did not distinguish between high carbon fuels and conventional oil - and together we wrote to Commissioner Hedegaard in April 2010, asking her to propose separate values for very carbon intensive fuels, such as tar sands and oil shale.

As you will be aware, Commissioner Hedegaard has since made a proposal to accurately label different fuel sources with their carbon footprints. Her proposed figures - for conventional sources such as crude oil, natural gas, and LPG; as well as unconventional sources such as oil shale, gas to liquid, and tar sands - are fully in line with what the science recommends.

We understand that you have new responsibilities now, but we hope that you can maintain your principled position on tar sands, and support the Commission's proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Satu Hassi MEP

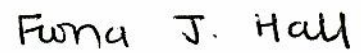
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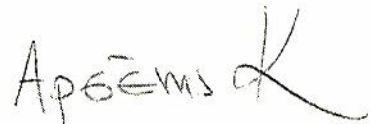
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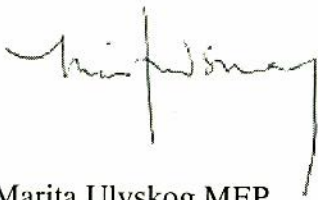
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