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**RE: EU Biofuels Chain recommendations ENVI vote on RED II**

TO: Rapporteurs and Shadow Rapporteurs on the Renewable Energy Directive recast, ENVI Committee  
Members of the ENVI Committee  
Substitutes of the ENVI Committee

CC: ENVI Policy Advisors

Honourable Member of the European Parliament,

On behalf of the **EU Biofuels Chain**, we are contacting you ahead of next Monday's vote on the draft Opinion of the ENVI Committee on the post-2020 Renewable Energy Directive (RED II).

We strongly recommend rejecting all compromise amendments proposed by the Rapporteur. These fail to include an ambitious renewables incorporation in transport fuels to which sustainable European crop-based biofuels could contribute. They also maintain an unjustified phase-out of conventional biofuels thereby neglecting the benefits of European crop-based biofuels in co-producing valuable protein meal.

All these elements are crucial to ensure policy continuity after 2020 and to guarantee that renewables continue being used in liquid fuels for transport.

Below you can find our recommendations on other key amendments (AMs), calling for:

1. **Increasing ambitions for renewable energy use in transport.** We welcome amendments proposing an **binding overall renewables target, as well as amendments maintaining and increasing binding targets for transport and reducing carbon intensity of transport fuels:**

➤ **Support AMs** [95, 153, 194, 195, 196, 204, 286, 388, 548, 549, 550, 630, 632, 682.](#)

➤ **Reject AMs** [430, 448, 450.](#)

2. **Keeping the 7% cap on conventional biofuels' contribution.** This ensures policy continuity and a long-term perspective for sustainable conventional biofuels in transport, which is crucial to allow investments in more renewable energy.

➤ **Support AMs** [90, 177, 178, 179, 180, 192, 193, 194, 195, 389, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 555, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089.](#)

➤ **Reject AMs** [183, 189, 321, 322, 437, 438, 442, 443, 444, 451, 453, 454, 456, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095.](#)

**3. Incentivising highly sustainable crop-based biofuels by recognizing their important role in the European bioeconomy:**

- **Support AMs 314, 324, defining highly sustainable crop-based biofuels;**
- **Support AMs 223, 457, 458, 484, 550, 559, 566 excluding these highly sustainable crop-based biofuels from the crop cap and allowing them to count towards the blending obligation under Article 25.**

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
The EU Biofuels Chain

**FEDIOL** is the European Association representing the vegetable oils and protein meal industry. The sector covers more than 180 facilities belonging to 35 companies in 17 countries and employs directly 20,000 people. Its members process oilseeds, refine and bottle vegetable oils.

The **European Biodiesel Board (EBB)** is a non-profit organisation established in January 1997. Today, EBB gathers close to 70 members across 21 Member-States, which represents 75% of the European output. Biodiesel is the main European solution to reduce emissions from transport and dependence on imported oil. EBB aims to promote the use of biodiesel in the European Union and is committed to fulfil International standards for sustainability in GHG emissions and sustainable feedstock. EBB is constantly working towards the development of improved and greener technologies.

The **European renewable ethanol association (ePURE)** represents the interests of European renewable ethanol producers to the European institutions, industry stakeholders, the media, academia and the general public. The organisation, established in 2010, promotes the beneficial uses of ethanol throughout Europe. Based in Brussels, ePURE represents 42 member companies, with 50 production plants in 16 member states, accounting for about 85% of the installed renewable ethanol capacity in Europe.

**COCERAL** is the European association of trade in cereals, rice, feedstuffs oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply. It represents the interest of the European collectors, traders, importers, exporters and port silo storekeepers of the above mentioned agricultural products. COCERAL's full members are 21 national associations in 15 countries and 1 European association [Unistock]. With about 3500 companies as part of COCERAL national members, the sector trades agricultural raw materials destined to the supply of the food and feed chains, as well as for technical and energy uses. COCERAL has 1 associated member in Switzerland and 2 European Associations (EUROMALT and EUROMAISIERS). Gafta is an extraordinary member of COCERAL.

Founded in 2002, the **European Oilseed Alliance (EOA)** brings together the oilseed producing organizations from the main European countries (Germany, France, UK, Poland, Czech Republic, Finland and Belgium) and represents 90% of European oilseed production.

The **C.I.B.E.** is the international confederation of sugar beet growers. It represents the interests of beet growers vis-à-vis European Institutions and international organisations since 1927. CIBE is composed of national and regional associations from 18 European beet-producing countries. These include 140,000 growers from 16 EU countries (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Sweden, the United Kingdom) and roughly 130,000 growers from 2 non-EU countries (Turkey and Switzerland).

**CEPM** brings together Professional and inter-Professional organisations whose mission is to represent and defend in their respective countries the interests of all or part of the maize chain: corn, maize silage, maize seed and sweet corn. To fulfil these objectives, CEPM carries out monitoring, lobbying and communication activities, and makes concrete proposals.

**Copa and Cogeca** are the united voice of farmers and agri-cooperatives in the EU. Together, they ensure that EU agriculture is sustainable, innovative and competitive, guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe. Copa represents over 23 million farmers and their families whilst Cogeca represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 66 member organisations from the EU member states. Together, they are one of the biggest and most active lobbying organisations in Brussels.