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Dear petitioners,

Thank you for sharing the ambition of building a better Europe. Since taking up office, this Commission has been determined to reinforce Europe's social dimension: this means improving the employment and social situation across the Union. Since 2014, we have brought forward a number of concrete initiatives to deliver on social Europe. These include proposals for a fair European labour market and continued support for measures to fight youth unemployment. We have redressed the social balance in the European Semester and breathed new life into dialogue with social partners.

On 26 April, we presented an ambitious package that includes the proposal for a European Pillar of Social Rights and a reflection paper to take forward the debate on the future of the EU's social dimension. We put forward 20 principles and rights, ranging from the right to a minimum wage all over Europe to the right to health care – and from the principles of work-life balance and equal opportunities to the right to social protection. The Pillar will support fair and well-functioning labour markets and welfare systems in Europe. The objective is to create a compass for a renewed process of convergence towards better living and working conditions.

You can find detailed information about this initiative online: <http://europa.eu/!kC44GU>. We invite you to join the discussion!

Stability, workers' rights and social progress are values the Commission firmly adheres to. We look forward to the debate.

Yours sincerely,

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