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Dear Petitioner,

Subject: Petition of "Global Citizen" to back targets to halve EU food waste from farm-to-fork by 2030

With great interest we have read your e-mail being a part of Global Citizen EU Food Waste Campaign addressed to First Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Andriukaitis who have asked me to reply to your proposals on their behalf.

First I would like to thank you for interest in this important file and for your initiative. As you are aware the file is in the trilogue phase and it is now for the Council and European Parliament acting as co-legislators with the help of the Commission to find an agreement. All institutions are well aware of the various concerns at stake.

Due to procedural rules we are not able to provide you with the Commission position concerning ongoing negotiations. Nevertheless I would like to assure you that your position is well noted.

The European Commission and the EU as a whole are fully committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda including the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 which calls for a reduction of food waste by 50% by 2030 at retail and consumer levels and reduction of food losses all along the production and supply chains¹. This commitment from the Commission is reiterated in the Circular Economy Action Plan², which also includes Commission initiatives taken to support efforts of all actors in reaching the Sustainable Development Goal food waste target. In particular, the Commission is working together with stakeholders on the preparation of methodology to measure and report food waste, which should enable to quantify consistently the food waste at each stage of the food supply chain, thus enabling adoption of measurable targets.

More information about our actions as well as our cooperation with stakeholders to help achieve SDG 12.3 target can be found at the dedicated Commission's website:

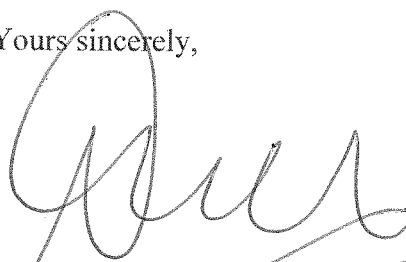
https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions_en

¹ United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3: halve per capita food waste at the retail and consumer level by 2030 and reduce food losses along the food production and supply chains including post-harvest losses

² COM(2015)614

We remain at your disposal for any further questions you might have.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra', written in a cursive style.

Alexandra Nikolakopoulou