



**Re: Renewable energy support schemes for energy from mixed waste**

Brussels, 6 November 2017

Dear Members of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee,

We urge you to support the amendment **Nr 604** of the ITRE Committee due to be voted in November 28th, **to phase out support schemes that conflict with the waste hierarchy.**

This inclusion, if endorsed, would significantly strengthen the EU's role as a Circular Economy forerunner by re-directing support from municipal waste incineration to waste prevention, re-use and recycling that receive no subsidies. By shifting support upwards in the waste hierarchy, Europe can stimulate green growth and decrease its raw materials dependence from 3<sup>rd</sup> countries.

**The undersigned organisations are concerned that support schemes for incineration of waste distort markets for waste by making it comparatively cheaper to recover energy from waste than to prevent or recycle it,** effectively contradicting the waste hierarchy and hindering the transition towards more sustainable waste management systems and a circular economy.

In addition, voting in favour of these amendments will ensure the alignment of the Renewable Energy Directive with the recommendations of the Commission's [Communication on waste-to-energy](#) to phase out subsidies for incineration of waste and instead encourage material recovery as is the case for composting and digesting biowaste from municipal waste.

**We therefore strongly recommend you to support the amendment Nr 604 and guarantee a coherent and forward-looking approach to renewable energy, waste management and the circular economy.**

Kindest regards,

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