

Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission  
Rue de la Loi - 1049 Brussels

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Dear President von der Leyen,

**Re. Industry call to make good on compelling evidence and commitments on Access to Vehicle Data, Functions and Resources**

We are writing to you as the leaders of several of Europe's foremost automotive and mobility companies. Our companies span the entire value chain from parts manufacturing & distribution, garage equipment manufacturing, technical data publishers, repair & maintenance, vehicle leasing & rental, to new mobility services and consumers. We are at the forefront of the provision of affordable, safe, smart, and sustainable mobility for 450 million European citizens and hundreds of thousands of businesses.

We urge you to act for the common European good and in the spirit of good governance, by urgently bringing forward sector-specific legislation on access to in-vehicle data, functions, and resources.

Your Commission has pledged itself to a very clear vision of Europe's future mobility through the Green Deal, the Fit-for-55 package and the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy and Action Plan. This Commission has made equitable digital markets the economic *leitmotif* of its term and played a leading role in enacting clear rules that aggressively tackle barriers in digital markets.

We urge you to complete this work by tackling the market barriers that characterise the vehicle-generated data market in Europe. The Commission has painstakingly gathered evidence over six years and documented how these barriers and market failures can only be corrected by clear EU rules. These rules are made more urgent still by the emergence of the so-called hyperscalers in the vehicle. Their rapidly developing partnerships with the vehicle manufacturers will accelerate the development of a new generation of Connected Cars from which European businesses and consumers will undoubtedly benefit, but not if a new vehicle manufacturer-hyperscaler duopoly grows.

We are aware that this sector-specific legislation on access to in-vehicle data, functions and resources has become a politically charged dossier in a sector that has experienced considerable economic challenges over the recent years. The whole automotive/mobility ecosystem has been heavily impacted by the same economic conditions and supply-chain shocks – all our businesses depend on vehicle supply. However, this cannot be a reason to give two actors a privileged position in the market at the expense of all others. A decision not to act will only benefit stakeholders representing 1/5 of it economically with a privileged and, in all likelihood unassailable position, at the expense of the other 4/5. This cannot be for the common good of Europe's consumers and businesses.

Conversely, a decision to act will mean that you are supporting the development of a vibrant, innovative, and world-leading European automotive and mobility eco-system, as has been demonstrated over the years by the Commission itself. This will have a transformative effect on all our businesses, creating the certainty to invest in new vehicle-generated data services and with it, new jobs, and growth.

***Safer, smarter, and more sustainable and affordable mobility should not just be a vision: it should be an everyday reality enjoyed by 450 million Europeans.***

Yours sincerely,



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