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Dear **Cristian Dan Preda MEP**,

As you will know, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs is scheduled to vote on the report 'Transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions' by rapporteur Sven Giegold on the 12th of September.

The Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation in Europe (ALTER-EU) welcomes this report and its recommendations to improve transparency and accountability of policy-making in the EU institutions. We believe that this is a vital opportunity for the European Parliament to take a strong position and recommend meaningful reforms.

In particular, we call on you, as a Member of the AFCO committee, to support the following recommendations:

- 1) Ban MEPs from having side jobs with groups or companies involved in lobbying of the EU institutions
- 2) Reform the Parliament's Advisory Committee giving it the power to initiate its own procedures on alleged conflicts of interests and make its recommended sanctions public in all cases
- 3) To adopt the recommendations for the 'legislative footprint' covering records of meetings with lobbyists

We believe that these reforms are vital to improve the integrity of EU policy-making but also to citizens trust in the institutions.

We would be pleased to further discuss these issues with you before the vote and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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