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XXX
Member of the European Parliament
Quaestors
European Parliament
Rue Wiertz, 60
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Your appointment as a member of the Quaestors

Dear XXX,

Congratulations on your election as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and your appointment as member of the Quaestors. I am writing to you on behalf of the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation (ALTER-EU), a coalition of over 200 public interest groups from across Europe.

The Quaestors, as the body responsible for a range of important administrative questions in the European Parliament, have a crucial role in securing high standards of ethics and transparency. In the last parliament, the Quaestors for instance helped draft rules for disclosure of travel paid by third parties. ALTER-EU member groups corresponded with the Quaestors on issues such as the lack of transparency of unofficial intergroups active in the European Parliament [1] and contentious exhibitions held on the Parliament's premises.[2] The Quaestors could also play an important role with regards to implementing the new rules aimed at securing lobby transparency decided by the Parliament in April 2014.[3]

With this letter, we would like to request a face-to-face meeting with you in order to discuss these issues.

In the meantime, we remain available to provide any information that you might need.

We are looking forward to meeting with you soon regarding these important matters.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier Hoedeman

on behalf of the steering committee of the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation (ALTER-EU)

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Notes:

1: See for instance “Lobbying under the radar - MEP-industry forums”, Corporate Europe Observatory, 2011.

http://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/sites/default/files/files/article/mep_industry_group_s_appendix.pdf

2: Examples include:

<http://corporateeurope.org/news/trojan-bee-front-group-basf-co-organise-event-parliament-bees-and-biodiversity>

and <http://corporateeurope.org/climate-and-energy/2012/11/citizens-coalition-or-industry-frontgroup-covert-lobby-shale-gas-enters>

3: European Parliament decision of 15 April 2014 on the modification of the inter institutional agreement on the Transparency Register ([2014/2010\(ACI\)](#)).

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&language=EN&reference=P7-TA-2014-0376>

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