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European Commission  
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Dear Commissioner, 

As you are aware BUSINESSEUROPE is highly committed to achieving, at the earliest possible date, the conclusion of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement.

Considering the already existing high level of integration as well as the close trade and investment ties between the EU and US economies, only a comprehensive and deep agreement could have a substantial impact on the transatlantic economy. Having access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy sources is, as you know, a key priority for the EU industry. This is even more the case when our US colleagues are benefiting from affordable energy to sustain an industrial rebirth.

For these reasons, BUSINESSEUROPE is strongly in favour of including a chapter or at least specific energy provisions in TTIP. The US has the potential to become an alternative source of supply to the EU but in order to become reality all export restrictions have to be properly addressed in the negotiations.

BUSINESSEUROPE has therefore prepared the enclosed position paper on specific energy-related issues in the context of TTIP. It highlights the main challenges and key issues that should be covered by the agreement. Please note that this position paper was sent to Commissioner De Gucht and USTR Ambassador Froman.

We remain open to discuss the issue further with you or your services if you deem necessary.

Yours sincerely



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