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**Business wants steady progress towards agreement on the 4th Railway Package
at 13 March Transport Council**

Dear Minister,

I would like to thank you for your leadership and commitment in making progress towards reaching an agreement on the 4th Railway Package in Council.

The cost and efficiency of transport services and the quality of Europe's infrastructure networks directly affect trade flows, mobility and the competitiveness of European companies providing and using these services. Therefore, BUSINESSEUROPE strives to remove technical, regulatory and administrative barriers in all modes of transport and improve the interoperability between national networks.

The 4th Railway Package contains important proposals that can improve quality, provide more choice and reduce costs of railway services in Europe and can contribute to creating a true single market for transport. Furthermore, the package is important to trigger investment in rail infrastructure, which is fundamental to create a better connected Europe.

The business community is counting on the Transport Ministers to make significant progress on the outstanding issues at the 13 March Council meeting with a view to have a swift adoption of this important package.

I wish you a successful meeting and stand ready to discuss these matters further.

Yours sincerely,

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