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Dear Executive Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič

RECHARGE - the Advanced Rechargeable & Lithium Batteries Association, is sending the **attached letter** to your attention as a follow up on our previous communication from 09 November 2023, and respectfully request a meeting to discuss the **consequences of the lack of planning concerning the ECHA review of the consultation feedback from the batteries sector. The absence of a decision is having a detrimental impact on the EU battery value chain.**

While many stakeholders, including ourselves, were anticipating indications from ECHA regarding a workplan timeline for each sector, it appears this is not the case due to the unprecedented number of consultation responses received.

We would like to emphasise the lack of a timely decision is causing levels of uncertainty to heighten and lack of visibility to grow. This prolonged state of uncertainty due to no decision-making is diverting investments away from the EU and jeopardising the EU in achieving its Green Deal objectives.

We respectfully request the Commission and ECHA to consider the **critical importance of PFAS for batteries, and decide swiftly on a workplan timeline where the batteries industry is prioritised** for the upcoming ECHA Committee meetings.

We kindly request a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter further. Your attention to this issue is greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, we would also like to share with you the attached **RECHARGE leaflet describing the current battery industry concerns: "A reliable alternative to the PFAS restriction proposal is needed"**.

Kind regards

on behalf of

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The Advanced Rechargeable & Lithium Batteries Association

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