

27 November, 2015

Representatives of Public and Private
Organisations, Östergötland County

First Vice-President Frans Timmermans;
Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič;
Commissioner for Climate Action and
Energy, Miguel Arias Cañete;
Commissioner for Economic and Financial
Affairs, Taxation and Customs,
Pierre Moscovici; Commissioner for
Competition, Margrethe Vestager

Dear Sirs,

We write to you in order to show our support for the appeal from the Swedish government in October 2015 in regard to the Swedish carbon tax. We represent a number of public entities as well as private enterprises from the Eastern region of Sweden, Östergötland.

We fully support the Swedish government's call for a system where national carbon taxes are allowed within the European Union without being considered as state aid. It is essential for Sweden and for our region to have cost-effective carbon taxes that consider the fuel's impact on the climate from a life cycle perspective, in line with the Polluter Pays Principle, and that provide long-term, stable rules for the industry. This would encourage further investments to increase the share of renewable fuels and would contribute to creating green jobs.

Östergötland is a region with thriving companies within the bio-fuel sector and high ambitions in respect to decreasing emissions of climate gases. Several municipalities within the region aim at being fossil free by 2025. The region itself has set the same bold objective. To maintain and grow the corporate opportunities within the biofuel sector, as well as reaching our stretched targets, it is absolutely essential for Östergötland that the European Union finds a workable solution to fuel taxation that considers the fuel's impact on the climate from a life-cycle perspective (i.e. taking into consideration the GHG-emission savings from different type of fuels). We thereby strongly support the initiative by the Swedish government to find a solution to this issue.

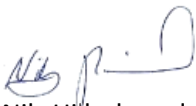
Yours sincerely



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County Governor, Östergötland



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Region Östergötland



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Deputy Mayor, Linköping



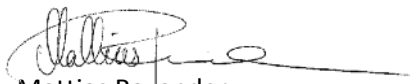
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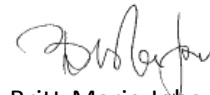
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