



Vereniging Stedelijk Leefmilieu
Dennenstraat 124
6543 JW NIJMEGEN
(024) 3780384
IBAN: NL88INGB000 1770432
E-mail: burgernetwerk@leefmilieu.nl
internet: www.leefmilieu.nl

Datum: 14 januari 2015

Subject: Call to continue negotiations on air emission reductions

Dear Member of European Parliament,

Leefmilieu is contacting you about a matter of high priority not only for the Netherlands but for all European citizens - that is our protection against the health impacts of air pollution. While air pollution is a European problem, the effects as you will know are felt nationally and locally. We are quite concerned that in the Netherlands, 12863 people die premature from air pollution each year.

You are currently discussing the European Parliament resolution on the Commission Work Programme 2015, which is scheduled to be adopted this Thursday. Leefmilieu **urges you to issue a strong, joint position and clearly state that you expect negotiations on the proposal for the National Emissions Ceilings to continue. A withdrawal or any delay in order to synchronize the draft law with the EU's climate and energy legislative proposals is unacceptable.**

Following the December announcement of Mr. Timmermans on the 2015 work programme, health and medical groups, patients and civil society organisations from all over Europe expressed their dismay on the confused message on the air package. Mr. Juncker and Mr. Timmermans have made it clear that they're waiting for position of the European Parliament and Council of Ministers before deciding on withdrawals and delays, including on the National Emissions Ceilings Directive. The EU Environment Ministers have already underlined they want to continue negotiations, now it is up to you MEPs to have your say.

Your vote this week is key: withdrawing or delaying the National Emissions Ceilings Directive would send the wrong signal to your constituents, and would be detrimental to efforts to re-build people's trust in Europe. The NEC has clear added value for health, the environment and also for the economy.

In the interest of the health of European citizens, particularly children, the elderly and those suffering from disease, we call on you to clearly state that negotiations will continue in your upcoming resolution.

Best regards,

Claudia van Steen
Secretary Leefmilieu