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Dear Professor Nyberg, Dear Professor Hardell,

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 March 2018 which was also transmitted by email on 19 March. Commissioner Andriukaitis has asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

In your letter, you have pointed to potential health problems that could be caused by 5G within the EU and you have requested a moratorium for biomedical research of health risks of these new super high frequencies. You have also raised concerns that Commissioner Andriukaitis may not be aware of the warnings that circulate in some parts of the scientific community.

In my letter to you of 29 November 2017, I already confirmed to you that the Commissioner is well informed about the 5G Appeal and the arguments which are compiled therein and which he takes seriously.

I also take this opportunity to clarify a misconception to which you refer in your previous letter of 17 January. Noting the validity of an Opinion adopted by the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks you state that *'finally, as a community scientific committee, the SCENIHR report has a statutorily limited validity (Directive 2001/95/EC Article 13(2) not exceeding one year'*. Kindly be informed that this Directive does not apply since Scientific Opinions are not adopted as Commission Decisions.

Finally, let me refer to the previous correspondence you have had with John F. Ryan, Director of Public Health and me (29 November 2017, 13 October 2017 and 19 February 2018) where we have comprehensively explained our position with regard to the arguments you have raised. It is my view that we have now extensively deliberated on the matter and that we should refrain from further repetition.

Please rest assured that the Commission will remain committed to safeguarding the health of the European citizens, at the highest level possible and in line with his mandate.

Again, let me thank you for your dedication to protect the health of EU citizens.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Arūnas Vinčiūnas