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Dear Director-General Juul Jørgensen

Establishing a Directorate in DG Energy to advance Renewable Heating and Cooling investments

We welcome your continued emphasis on renewable heating and cooling to address the climate crisis and rejuvenate sustainable economic growth. Renewables are the glue that bind public acceptance for the energy transition because they lower the overall cost of energy for consumers, remove geopolitical threats to the security of supply, as well as the burdensome volatility and expense of fossil imports.

Whilst heat accounts for half of the EU's energy consumption, only 20% of this comes from renewable sources. We call for the creation of a dedicated **Directorate on renewable heating and cooling** to give this important sector institutional recognition and adequate capacity to design effective policy and support measures. This will help to increase the pace of investment in renewable solutions and delivery of the EU's 2050 climate targets as well as the flagship Renovation Wave initiative.

We look forward to working with you to deliver this outcome.

Yours sincerely,

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