



The President

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Dear Honourable Member,

I would like to thank you, and your co-signatories, for your letter expressing your concerns regarding energy commitments announced under the EU–US Agreement.

The EU and the US have a combined market of more than 800 million people. We trade more than EUR 1.7 trillion per year – or EUR 4.2 billion each day – and together make up 44% of global GDP. The agreement provides the basis for continued cooperation between the EU and the US.

As you rightly outline, the US is already the EU's first supplier of LNG and oil, and a key partner in the field of nuclear energy. Our transatlantic energy partnership is solid, underpinned by common interests. The US has proven to be an indispensable and trustworthy supplier, including during the energy crisis provoked by Russia's weaponisation of energy against Europe. The framework agreement, agreed with the US on 21 August 2025, reinforces this partnership while protecting the key interests of the EU.

On your first point – let me be clear that the EU is staying on course with the Green Deal and achieving climate neutrality by 2050, as enshrined in the European Climate Law. Accelerating the EU's transition to clean home-grown energy will remain firmly at the centre of our efforts. Importing additional US LNG does not equate to importing more gas overall, as US LNG will be key to replacing Russian gas in line with our REPowerEU goals. Implementing the EU Methane Regulation will ensure the gas we import has the lowest methane intensity possible. We are engaged with US partners, government and industry, to ensure a full, effective implementation of the EU Methane Regulation.

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Importantly, the political agreement removes key non-tariff barriers on both sides. On key pieces of legislation like CBAM, adjustments were proposed in line with our policy to simplify our regulations while protecting their ambition.

On your second point – the figure of USD 250 billion (EUR 200 billion) mentioned in the agreement is based on current EU imports, on the need to replace Russian energy, from gas to oil and nuclear fuel, as well as on identified US investments in the European energy sector, most notably in nuclear energy. The deal provides a framework to facilitate bilateral energy trade and make it easier for companies to make the best possible commercial decisions with their US counterparts, therefore contributing to greater energy affordability for the benefit of EU businesses and citizens.

On your last point – on small modular reactors (SMRs), our goal remains unchanged: ensuring that EU companies take a leading role in the development of the SMR in Europe and globally, and that SMRs deployed in the EU rely primarily on a value chain located in Europe. In fact, the Commission will be putting forward an action plan on SMRs, aiming to accelerate progress in the development and deployment of SMRs in the EU. US companies are already active in the development of SMRs in Europe, and our partnership with the US, a key technology leader in that field, will help the EU achieve its goal to deploy more clean, home-grown energy in the coming years and decade, in line with our climate, competitiveness, and energy independence objectives.

Again, I thank you for your commitment to these shared objectives and I look forward to working with you to enhance Europe's present and future prosperity on this basis.

Yours faithfully,



Ursula von der Leyen