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Dear President,

As leaders of European Union member states, we always welcome our citizens' efforts to organize themselves in a true democratic spirit to advance the values on which the European Union was founded.

We have seen the best of this democratic spirit in the My Voice, My Choice: for Safe and Accessible Abortion European Citizens' Initiative. More than 1,1 million citizens across all member states have heard the EU's repeated calls to engage and participate in the democratic process by using the only direct way the EU framework offers to collectively address the European Commission.

The initiative represents a vital step toward ensuring fundamental rights, dignity, and equality for women across the European Union. Access to safe and legal abortion care is an essential component of healthcare and a cornerstone of human rights. Yet significant disparities persist among Member States, creating unjust inequalities and placing many individuals in vulnerable and unsafe situations.

My Voice, My Choice addresses these gaps by advocating for a European framework that guarantees real, effective, and equal access to reproductive healthcare through EU support to its member states. From our shared perspective, no individual should be forced to carry a pregnancy against their will due to legal, financial, geographical, or broader socio-economic barriers that undermine equal access in practice. Bodily autonomy and the right to make decisions about one's own health and future must be protected and upheld throughout the Union.

In addition, it is important to point out that this initiative does not interfere with nor jeopardize national competences in the regulation of abortion and member states' autonomy in defining their health policies and the organization of healthcare and that principles of subsidiarity and proportionality must be fully respected.

H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

We believe that this initiative aligns closely with the core values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, including human dignity, gender equality, and respect for fundamental rights. We therefore urge the European Commission to take steps to define how My Voice, My Choice could be implemented in practice.

With this letter, we also reiterate the European Parliament's call, as the institution whose Members are directly elected by European citizens, which has adopted a resolution in support of the My Voice, My Choice initiative.

This is an important step toward strengthening reproductive rights at the European level.

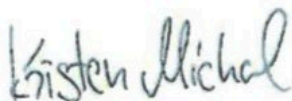
We thank you for your attention to this important matter and trust that the European Commission will approach this initiative in a manner consistent with the Union's commitment to fundamental rights, gender equality and democracy.

Yours sincerely,



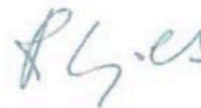
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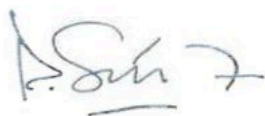
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