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Subject: Adoption of the ReFuelEU Aviation Act and the economic impact of mandatory minimum sustainable aviation fuel quotas in the air transport sector

The introduction of the obligation to use sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) at a rate of 2 %, as mandated by the ReFuelEU Aviation Act[1], risks having severe consequences for the air transport sector and European citizens. According to authoritative sources[2], this regulation will inevitably increase airline costs, resulting in higher ticket prices and disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable population groups and regional economies.

Once again, the Commission appears to be disregarding the social and economic impact of its decisions, imposing measures that burden citizens and businesses without clear evidence of the promised environmental benefits. At a time marked by inflation, rising living costs and an energy crisis, it seems irresponsible to introduce new obligations without conducting adequate impact assessments and implementing concrete measures to prevent negative consequences.

In light of these concerns, can the Commission respond to the following questions:

1. On what basis did it impose the 2 % SAF requirement without first ensuring that the resulting cost increase would not be entirely passed on to citizens and businesses?

2. What concrete measures does it intend to adopt to prevent this decision from leading to a further rise in airfares, penalising millions of European citizens, particularly those in remote and island regions, who are already disadvantaged in terms of connectivity?

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[1] Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (ReFuelEU Aviation) (OJ L, 2023/2405, 31.10.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2405/oj).
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