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Mr Bernard Durkan  
Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Affairs  
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Dear Mr Durkan,

Thank you for your opinion on the proposal for a Commission's public consultation on "Europe's Social Reality" {COM(2007)726}.

In line with the Commission's decision to encourage national parliament to react to its proposals to improve the process of policy formulation, we welcome this opportunity to respond to your comments. I enclose the Commission's response. I hope you will find these a valuable contribution to your own deliberations.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

  
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