Members of the European Parliament
Via email

Brussels, 23 November 2021

Subject: Vote YES for the Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages - workers in the EU are counting on you!

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

This week you are voting on the EMPL Committee report on the draft Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages in the European Union (COM(2020)0682 – C9 0337/2020 – 2020/0310(COD)). **We call on you to fully support the report on the Directive.**

We heard about shameful attempts of some MEPs to block the report and negotiation mandate. Opening to amendments in plenary would be a major setback in the efforts to deliver an adequate minimum wage to all workers and puts the Directive at serious risk of being watered down.

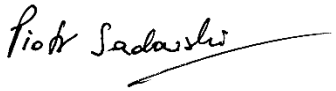
This Directive can deliver an adequate minimum wage to all workers so they and their families can live in dignity and free of poverty. It also lays the ground for stronger collective bargaining and enabling workers to negotiate their pay. Nothing in the report will weaken or damage collective bargaining in countries that already have good working systems. If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we do better and are stronger if we learn from each other and work together. Our societies are increasingly connected and face similar challenges. Countries that block collective progress on minimum wages, to the detriment of millions of people living paycheck to paycheck, will only delay progress on minimum wages.

There is public support for the EU to do more on wages, with one-quarter of Europeans highlighting it as a priority in a recent Eurobarometer survey on social issues. If we are to make Europe relevant to people and voters, we need a strong directive that gives the 24 million people in in-work poverty hope so that they never have to make impossible choices like feeding their kids or paying the heating bills.

The bottom line is this: by supporting the report on adequate minimum wages you take a stance against poverty. By taking a stance against the report on adequate minimum wages you support poverty.

As elected MEPs, it is your responsibility to represent the best interests of your constituents.

Yours sincerely,



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