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Dear Member of the European Parliament,

Europe stands in front of a unique opportunity: creating a fresh boost to jobs and growth in Europe and a win-win for all stakeholders - the planet, EU citizens and European industry, which a forward looking and determined review of the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) can provide as part of the wider Clean Energy Package and the pending energy market reform.

Energy efficiency represents a real opportunity to move forward on implementing the Paris climate change agreement, on improving living conditions for ordinary citizens and on creating an integrated modern energy system.

Therefore, Orgalime warmly welcomes and thanks the Rapporteur Mr. Bendt Bendtsen and the Shadow Rapporteurs for the good compromises that have been built up for the pending amendment of the EPBD. **These compromises in our view strive the right level of ambition in view of the upcoming negotiation with the Council. We therefore urge Members of the Parliament to support this approach with a strong majority.**

In particular, acting with determination in the following areas will be essential for tapping into the multiple benefits and opportunities that this review offers:

- Prioritising the renovation of the existing building stock and bringing in the innovation that technical building systems will bring into our building stock,
- Setting in place determined long-term renovation strategies, and
- Developing a smartness indicator to assess the technological readiness of the building.

Therefore, **Orgalime particularly supports the following compromise amendments:**

- **Compromise Amendments 1, 24 and 25** (we underline that Amendments 69 and 74 of the ENVI Report would not suffice, since they do not provide for a useful and effective alternative for regular inspections and risk to decrease energy efficiency),
- **Compromise amendments 6, 7, 10 and 11**, and
- **Compromise amendments 18, 19 and 20.**

Regarding the **Smartness Indicator (Compromise Amendments 26-28):**

- We support the suggested stakeholder consultation and test-phase, as proposed in **Compromise Amendment 26**, as it ensures that the indicator is fit-for-purpose.
- Also, it is positive that the definition now includes enhanced energy savings and looks at indoor air quality, full/part load conditions and renewable energy generation on-site.
- Nevertheless, the methodology should be developed by a standardisation mandate: the Smartness Indicator has to be reproducible to guarantee comparability. Therefore, **we cannot agree with Compromise Amendment 27.**
- Furthermore, we think that clarification about the links with the existing Energy Performance Certificates and newly suggested building renovation passport should be clarified to consistently inform the consumer and avoid confusion.
- We regret that the compromise deletes “smart” charging infrastructure for e-mobility and only focuses on “conventional” charging in **Compromise Amendment 28.**

Orgalime counts on the European Parliament to play its role as a game changer and remains committed to contributing to a successful implementation of the future Directive.

Orgalime, the European Engineering Industries Association, speaks for 41 trade federations representing the mechanical, electrical, electronic, metalworking & metal articles industries of 23 European countries. The industry employs nearly 11 million people in the EU and in 2016 accounted for some €2,000 billion of output. The industry represents over a quarter of the output of manufactured products and over a third of the manufactured exports of the European Union.