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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE COUNCIL on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and
their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC
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- Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and
Proportionality¹

Delegations will find annexed a copy of the above letter.

¹ Translation(s) of the opinion may be available at the Interparliamentary EU information exchange site IPEX at the following address: <http://www.ipex.eu/IPEXL-WEB/search.do>



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From: William Cash MP

28 October 2012

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Dear Mr. Christofias,

Draft Regulation on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC (34131), COM(12) 380, 12786/12

I am writing as the Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee in the House of Commons to inform you, in the context of the right of national parliaments to submit Reasoned Opinions on subsidiarity and of the spirit of a consensus-seeking approach by the EU institutions, of the outcome of the Committee's consideration of the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC.

On 17 October my Committee recommended that House of Commons should send a Reasoned Opinion to the three EU institutions concerned with this proposal.¹ Unfortunately, the Parliamentary timetable did not permit the House of Commons to issue a Reasoned Opinion within the eight-week deadline. Consequently, the Committee agreed that it should write to the presidents of the three EU institutions within the context of political dialogue to draw their attention to its view, as contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I am writing in similar terms to the Presidents of the European Parliament and the European Commission.

CHAIRMAN

*Yours,
 Bill Cash*

¹ See <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeuleg/86-xv/86xv02.htm>.

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