



CNL OPEN LETTER to newly elected Members of European Parliament

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Dear members of European Parliament,

On May 26, you were elected by the French to represent them in the European Union for the next five years. Therefore, today you have the duty to carry the interests of nearly 67 million people without leaving a single one out: from homeless to people with inadequate housing, from single mothers waiting for social housing to families plagued by slumlords, all are counting on you.

As a member of the International Union of Tenants (IUT), the CNL has representatives in Brussels and will ensure that the guidelines are maintained in accordance with the needs of the inhabitants and consumers. We will be attentive to your position during the vote of the Union budget and especially on all the funds intended for the development of local projects and actions in favor of urban policy.

Moreover, we want the policy against social housing led by Brussels to stop. While precariousness is progressing at a worrying speed, France needs more than ever a strong social housing stock to meet the challenges of social diversity. If Brussels is to continue to intervene in the area of housing, then its influence must at least be beneficial for the Member States so that they can continue to pursue ambitious policies at a national level. European policy must not be an obstacle but, on the contrary, promote an improvement in the living conditions of the inhabitants.

As for the future common agricultural policy, it will decide the direction of our agricultural policies for the coming years. Therefore French consumers rely on you to ensure their safety and ensure the quality of food on their plate. While the demands for local distribution channels and for stopping the use of chemical elements are becoming more pressing, the restructuring of the common agricultural policy is a major issue to which you must pay close attention.

Finally, if the urgency of the environmental situation requires us to react quickly, it should not be supported by tenants: the costs of thermal rehabilitation of housing should not be their responsibility, the risk being to lead them towards more precariousness.

Your role is essential and your responsibility is tremendous. As the first association defending inhabitants, the CNL will be particularly attentive to your mandate.

Please accept the expression of my highest consideration.

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