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Roberta METSOLA
President of the European Parliament

Dear President, dear Roberta,

The European Parliament must continue to lead efforts to ensure a safe, accessible and transparent internet, based on our values, respect for our regulatory framework and EU law.

Whilst the precise intentions of the new owner of Twitter, Mr Elon Musk, are not fully known, his statements and the actions he has taken so far offer cause for concern. There are sound reasons to suggest that the standards applied by Twitter until now, may be weakened, at a time when the fight against election interference, misinformation and hate speech is more important than ever.

Twitter today has a prominent role in civil discourse and any changes may have profound implications for democratic life and freedom of speech in our Union and liberal democracy worldwide.

We therefore propose that you invite Mr Musk to a hearing in the European Parliament, so we can learn more about his intentions and remind Mr Musk of his obligations under EU law and the 2022 Code of Practice on Disinformation.

I am sure you agree with us that no one is beyond democratic scrutiny, including media corporations that millions of European use.

We trust you will take the necessary steps to invite Mr Musk to the European Parliament and to keep us actively informed of progress. A joint hearing of the IMCO and LIBE committees with Mr Musk would provide an open and transparent forum for discussion with elected MEPs, in the interest of all EU citizens.

Best regards,

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