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Dear Member of the European Parliament,
Rapporteurs on the European Commission Proposal for a Regulation on periodic roadworthiness testing for motor vehicles and their trailers (2012/0184 (COD))

As you may have heard, a controversial project regarding the harmonization of periodical technical inspections (PTI) for all vehicles is currently in “trilogue phase”.

Among the most controversial aspects is the integration of Powered Two-Wheeler (PTWs) into the scope of the proposal, based on no other statistics than data coming from the periodic testing industry itself <http://www.fema-online.eu/uploads/PTI-AlternativeData.pdf>, for which such an inclusion represents a new market of several billion Euros annually.

Although the Commission’s proposal to include PTWs into the regulation was first rejected by the Council of Member States, then by the Parliament’s Internal Market Commission (IMCO), then finally by the Transport Committee which voted a balanced compromise asking the Commission to provide reliable and comparative statistics, Parliament’s Plenary quite surprisingly did not follow it’s Transport Commission and overturned the compromise by a very tiny majority.

Now, Council and Parliament will have to reach an agreement and FEMA wants to take this last opportunity, before the next European Elections, to express citizens’ concerns with regards to the EU decision making process. **Decisions based on flawed statistics and theoretical principles, miles away from European citizens’ social and economic reality, especially in times of financial crisis, widen the gap between the European Institutions and its citizens and dig the bed of euro-scepticism and nationalism.**

Therefore, we, elected representatives of the European riders’ community, and citizens of the European Union, call one last time the Members of the European Parliament, in particular the rapporteurs in charge of the negotiation with the Council - MEPs [KUH](#)N (EPP/Germany), [TICĂU](#) (S&D/Romania), [BENNION](#) (ALDE/UK), [DURANT](#) (Greens/Belgium), [ROSBACH](#) (ECR/Denmark), and [RUBIKS](#) (EU/Latvia) – to **reconsider the numbers and facts behind the proposal***, and to **think twice about the political, social and economic impact of the Parliament’s divided decision.**

Any other outcome but asking the Commission to come with unbiased data (TRAN compromise) would send a very negative message to the European citizens, especially the 40 million users of PTW and their relations.

Wishing you the most fruitful discussions, we remain entirely at your disposal,

Kind regards,

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* Many alternative data providing a wider and more objective view of this issue can be found here: <http://www.fema-online.eu/uploads/PTI-AlternativeData.pdf>,