



**To: Ursula von der Leyen, President,
European Commission
Brussels**

Subject: The European Commission's decision concerning the European Citizens' Initiative "My Voice, My Choice"

Brussels, 25 February 2026

Dear President von der Leyen,

We address you in anticipation of the European Commission's decision of 26 February 2026 concerning the European Citizens' Initiative **My Voice, My Choice**.

This initiative represents a clear and formal expression of European participatory democracy. It has successfully fulfilled all procedural and democratic requirements foreseen by the Treaties, having gathered more than one million verified signatures across Member States and having been duly examined by the European Parliament. It therefore carries undeniable democratic legitimacy.

My Voice, My Choice represents the collective demand of European citizens for a Union that guarantees effective and equal access to reproductive healthcare as part of fundamental rights, human dignity, and gender equality. Access to safe and legal abortion is a core component of healthcare and a matter of human rights. The inequalities between Member States continue to create unjust differences and expose individuals to unsafe and discriminatory conditions.

*The goal of the initiative is not to seek harmonising national abortion law nor interfering with Member States competences in the regulation of abortion. On the contrary, it respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality while calling for a **European-funded pathway** that ensures real and effective access to reproductive healthcare in practice, free from legal, financial, geographical and socio-economic barriers.*

A refusal to act upon the initiative that has satisfied all Treaty conditions would raise serious questions regarding compliance with the principles of participatory democracy and sincere cooperation between institutions. It would also signal that the voices of citizens can be formally acknowledged yet politically disregarded.

We wish to make it expressly clear that, should the Commission decide not to pursue the objectives of this initiative or fail to follow up with concrete measures or proposals for action, we, as democratic representatives of European citizens, together with other democratic actors, would be compelled to examine further political and legal avenues to ensure that the expressed will of European citizens and the European Parliament is duly respected and that legitimate expectations are met.

The decision of 26 February 2026 will therefore be closely observed by citizens, civil society and the European parliament alike.

We trust that the European Commission will act in accordance with its legal obligations and with the Union's fundamental principles of human dignity, equality and respect for fundamental rights.

The time for action is now.

Sincerely,

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