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Dear Ms Battaglia, dear Mr Marescotti, dear Mr Manna,

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2014 on the critical situation in Taranto.


The need to protect citizen's health and the environment should be coupled with a vision for the social and economic development of the area. The European Parliament, as co-legislator, is particularly attentive to making norms that take in account the three pillars of sustainable development.

I am confident that the on-going European Commission infringement procedure will be instrumental to full implementation of the directives on industrial emissions and on environmental liability for the ILVA plant in Italy.

On the issue of the future opportunities for the city of Taranto, I would like to underline that the Europe 2020 strategy sets the main guidelines for a sustainable and smart development. Italy finalized recently the partnership agreement with the European Commission for the use of the Cohesion fund that should implement Europe 2020.

Please rest assured that the European Parliament continues to follow the situation very closely.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Schulz