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Dear Ms d'Addio,

The Commission welcomes the support of the Italian Senate for the proposal for a Directive on Consumer Rights (COM(2008)614). We have noted in particular that the Senate considers that the proposal upholds the principle of subsidiarity by aiming to remove the legal fragmentation caused by minimum harmonisation at EU level in the area of consumer rights. Furthermore, the Commission welcomes the clear support by the Senate for full harmonisation as a means to increase certainty for both consumers and businesses.

Yours sincerely,

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