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Mr. Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am Member of President von der Leyen's High Level Round Table for the New European Bauhaus and Innovation advisor to the European Commission and the G7 Leaders. You may also know me as the first Croatian-born European Woman Innovator of the Year awarded by the European Commission in 2017.

In the New European Bauhaus concept President von der Leyen is proposing the highest level of quality for our living environment. Many contributors have demonstrated excellence in this area, including the Faculty of Architecture in Zagreb, and the Croatian Society of Architects.

We have recently become aware of a development in Croatia that is of great concern: the excellence resulting from architectural competitions is being reduced to apply only to publicly-funded projects. This would allow private projects to act independently, outside of public scrutiny; to disregard the New European Bauhaus principles and reduce the level of quality expected from contemporary architecture.

I urge you to reconsider the Croatian interpretation of the Spatial Planning Law and to embrace the principles advocated by the New European Bauhaus. We sincerely hope we can work together to create an architectural landscape in Croatia that reflects the values of the European Commission goals.

Sincerely,



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New European Bauhaus High-level Round Table

cc: Mr. Branko Bačić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets

Ms. Rajka Bunjevac, Croatian Chamber of Architects, President