



Mr Antonio Tajani
President of the European Parliament

Strasbourg, 12 March 2018

Subject: Internship conditions in the European Parliament

Dear President Tajani,

In this letter we would like to follow up on our oral requests to discuss internship conditions in the European Parliament at the Bureau Level.

We take note and welcome your positive response to the letter of 8 June 2017, sent by the Youth Intergroup in the framework of its #Fairinternships campaign including the Manifesto for Fair Internships as signed by 140 Members.

In your response to the Youth Intergroup chairs, you announced that the Secretary General would carry out an assessment of the issue and present its outcomes to the Bureau. We believe that evaluating the impact of introducing a ban on unpaid internships in the European Parliament would be an important and first step towards improving the internship conditions.

We are pleased your willingness to examine this issue further. For this reason, we would like to ask you to put the issue on the agenda of the next Bureau meeting in order to debate and decide on appropriate modifications to the current rules, in particular, to the Bureau decision of 19 April 2010 concerning Members' trainees.

We sincerely believe that the principle of fair remuneration for young people in traineeships is essential for us as European legislator in order to give a strong signal to public and private sectors. We would be very pleased if you assured us of your willingness to comply with our request and look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

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