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Dear H.E. Mr. Xavier Bettel,

I am an elected member of National Council for Foreigners (CNE), and I am writing this letter to present my sincere concerns related our country's situation about the fight with COVID-19.

I wanted to remind you to ensure that I am aware of the economical situation in which the world is going through right now. COVID-19 pandemic is not generating a 'normal' recession and it is hitting not just a single region but the entire global economy.

However, my primary concern is HUMAN LIFE. This pandemic poses a dangerous situation to all of us and yet, we still do not exactly know how to eliminate this threat.

We now have an opportunity to change the way we treat the environment and our ways of life. We have to do it now, right now. Otherwise, we may lose this chance forever and I cannot emphasize the fact that, if we do not act now, we may lose the chance to put right what is wrong, concerning our ways of life and the way we treat each other, not just for our generation, but for the generations to come.

We may now have a chance to reverse global warming, climate change, income inequality, gender inequality, LGTB rights, and many more. All these will depend on just one move that will come from one person and I believe it will have a positive widespread affect all over the world.

In my opinion, Luxembourg is a country where every individual is treated equally and respectfully, regardless where they come from, what sexual orientation they have, how old a person is or which belief one may have. I am confident that, Luxembourg is in a position to acknowledge the seriousness of the current pandemic and will take the necessary steps to protect the whole nation.

Releasing or relaxing the current lockdown, concerning the construction work will put our country in a dangerous and vulnerable situation, because we are faced with unprecedented global pandemic which is highly contagious and unfortunately, globally, we still do not have the vaccine to protect our livelihood. Consequently, the best outcome for all of us is to keep safe distance from each other, stay at home and work from home.

The construction workers especially have the potential high risk to contract COVID-19 because they work very close to each other and they have to travel long distance from their residences as most of them do not reside in Luxembourg. The consequences of the decision to open construction work without serious protective measures in place will not only put the workers at risk, but the whole population of Luxembourg.

I only hope that you would take into consideration my modest but valid concerns which I also believe it is important for the wellbeing of Luxembourg and all the people living in Luxembourg.

Sincerely Yours,

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