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Dear George,

EM 9645/18: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (and ADD 1)

9646/18: COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document Proposals for a - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying

down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands (and ADD I-2)

9634/I/8: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 (and ADD I)

9556/I/18 REV 1: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands

Thank you for your letter on the above Proposals, dated 4 November 2019, which was considered by our Energy and Environment Sub-Committee at its meeting on 15 January 2020.

Thank you for updating us on the 31 October proposal to extend the current CAP by one year.

We are pleased to note that a Statutory Instrument (SI) will be laid in early 2020 to allow applications for the Countryside Stewardship (CS) scheme to open in early 2020. Please keep us informed of any progress or changes in plans on the laying of the SI. We note that the Devolved Administrations are making their own arrangement regarding CS and ask to be updated when they make a decision or implement alternative arrangements.

We note that you could only provide assurances on funding for farm support until the end of the last Parliament. Given the new Parliament is now sitting, could you tell us your plans regarding this funding as matter of urgency, particularly how much funding will be made available and for how long?

We have decided to retain the Proposal under scrutiny. We look forward to a reply to this letter within 10 days.

I am copying this letter to Les Saunders, Scrutiny Coordinator, DExEU; and John Leach, Scrutiny Coordinator, DEFRA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lord Kinnoull', with a horizontal line underneath.

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee