



**The Greens | European Free Alliance**  
in the European Parliament

Mr Martin Schulz  
President  
European Parliament

Brussels, 5 November 2013

Dear Mr President, lieber Martin Schulz,

We are alarmed at the revelation that the chair of the Bureau's working group on the reform of the transparency register, vice-president Wieland, is himself involved in lobbying activities, as a partner in the Brussels-based counselling agency Theumer, Wieland & Weisenburger.

We believe that lobbying activities of sitting members should be banned in general, but making a vice-president involved in such parallel activities the chair of a working group on regulating lobbying activities is of course unacceptable. We feel betrayed by Mr Wieland because he has never revealed his by-activities officially in the Bureau, and we are alarmed by the political implications such practices have on the picture of the EP in the public, if no determined and immediate action is taken.

Therefore, we call upon you to withdraw from Mr Wieland the mandate as chair of the working group and to talk to him as regards any further consequences he might feel obliged to draw.

We regret the stalemate of this working group, which has not made any progress so far, a fact that casts serious doubts about a fully fledged, compulsory transparency register with sanctions for non-compliance being a real priority on the political agenda of its members.

Given the popular outrage after repeated revelations of unacceptable influence by lobby organisations on law makers - not only on EU level - , we propose to have a discussion on the issue at the level of the Conference of Presidents on the basis of a report of the Bureau's working group in the very near future.

With our best regards

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