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European Commission President  
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Dear Commission President von der Leyen,

We are writing with regard to EU VAT law and specifically the need to allow employers to buy Personal Protective Equipment at a zero rate of VAT. This is already the case for public bodies and others in healthcare purchasing PPE thanks to a Commission decision in April.

This is a matter of public health, workers' rights and protecting our SMEs.

I recognise the many positive actions taken by the Commission and believe a process to make this change should happen as soon as possible. I understand that a tight list of products with proper safeguards would be required to prevent any abuse but that is an entirely feasible thing to do given the great benefit this move could bring such benefits.

We urge the Commission to consider this issue as a matter of urgency and to act swiftly to allow Member States set a zero rate, if they choose, on PPE for their private workforce.

Thank you,

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