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Mr. Juan Fernando López Aguilar  
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Dear Mr. Aguilar:

Thank you for your recent invitation to participate in the LIBE Committee's upcoming meetings in late September concerning alleged U.S. surveillance programs. As you know, the U.S., EU and EU member states are already engaged in an Ad Hoc Working Group to discuss certain intelligence oversight activities. The Working Group has met twice and anticipates another session in Washington this month. I understand that these sessions have proven highly productive and I am confident that the constructive dialogue already underway will continue. Because this Working Group is the appropriate forum for addressing the issues discussed in your letter, I regret that I must decline your invitation.

The United States has had a long and productive relationship with the EU and its member states. I appreciate that the European Parliament has played an important role in fostering that relationship, and my colleagues and I always welcome the opportunity to engage with Members and the Parliamentary leadership in appropriate venues.

Sincerely,



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