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The Chair
Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion, & Tax Avoidance
European Parliament
Brussels B-1047
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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 5 June and for taking time to speak with me this week. We appreciate the additional context you provided about your hearing and we are fully supportive of the important work you are undertaking. As the largest taxpayer in the world we know the important role taxes play in society and we share your goals of encouraging transparency around corporate tax payments.

While there are concerns about participating in a public hearing on this topic when court proceedings are ongoing we would be happy to provide written answers to any questions you may have that do not relate to those proceedings. We would like to reassure you that we are committed to finding a way of providing the Special Committee the information it needs. In that context we would of course also be able to participate in any hearing you may hold when the legal proceedings have concluded.

Consistent with our commitment to transparency, Apple testified before the TAXE 2 committee in the European Parliament in March 2016 and we have published facts and detailed information about our tax payments in our SEC filings and on our website, including the \$38 billion in repatriation tax payments that we will make as required by recent changes to US tax law.

A selection of this information is available to view here:

<https://www.apple.com/newsroom/2017/11/the-facts-about-apple-tax-payments/>

Apple believes deeply in transparency and we are firmly committed to our operations, employees and customers across Europe. We sincerely hope we can find a solution that provides your committee with the input that it desires in a way that will not impact the ongoing proceedings before the

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court.

Although we aren't currently in a position to comment publicly on any issues related to the appeal process we do want to help your Committee better understand our tax payments and the contributions we make to economic growth and job creation across Europe. We would also like to maintain ongoing dialogue regarding alternative means of providing your Committee with the answers they seek while the judicial process is ongoing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C Thwaites', written in a cursive style.

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