Question for written answer E-003732/2023 to the Commission Rule 138 Heléne Fritzon (S&D)

Subject: Commission proposal for a new regulation on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on the management of end-of-life vehicles

The Commission's proposal on the management of end-of-life vehicles¹ has aroused serious concern in Sweden – among people driving older cars with a low market value that are not classified as vintage vehicles, among people who repair older cars as a hobby, and among those who have an older vehicle as a real investment. There are concerns that the proposal will force those most in need, or people who make repairs themselves for environmental and financial reasons, to scrap their cars.

- 1. Has the Commission considered what restrictions the proposal would have on property rights and on people's right to decide when and how to scrap their car, regardless of the market value?
- 2. Has the Commission looked into the impact the proposed changes could have on the sale of car parts on the hobby market and the small-scale car parts market?
- 3. Has the Commission considered the effects of the proposed scrapping requirement on households that own older cars with a low market value that are not classified as vintage vehicles? In particular, that would include vehicles that would cost more than their market value to have repaired commercially, but whose owners have both the intention and opportunity to repair damage themselves at a lower cost, for example by reusing used parts.

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¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023PC0451