Subject: Impact of the coronavirus epidemic on the road transport sector and the mobility package

The coronavirus epidemic, which has been going on for several weeks in the Member States, will give rise to costs for the whole EU economy which are difficult to estimate. Transport companies are especially vulnerable to losses and bankruptcy. The condition of the transport sector will have a massive impact on many other sectors in which the time and cost of delivery play a significant role in the production and distribution chains of goods. In this situation it seems impossible to implement the solutions put forward in the mobility package, and their entry into force will entail a huge bureaucratic and financial burden for many hauliers, including Polish ones. The cost of implementing these provisions will be unbearable for a great number of SMEs. The only reasonable solution now would seem to be to suspend work on these regulations.

1. Will the Commission take into account the effects of the ongoing coronavirus epidemic in its impact assessment on the adoption and implementation of the mobility package?

2. Is the Commission planning to take action - including withdrawal of the legislative proposal - to delay the adoption of the mobility package until the impact assessment and the estimate of the losses suffered by the road transport sector as a result of the coronavirus epidemic have been drawn up?

3. In view of the need to improve the process of delivering goods in the Member States affected by the coronavirus epidemic, will the Commission be taking steps to fully open the transport services market in the EU and lift the restrictions on cabotage?