



## COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

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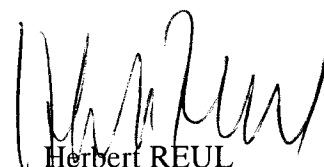
Dear Mr Buchowski,

With interest I have read your letter in which you express the unease of the European Association of Social Anthropologists concerning the attention for social science research in the forthcoming framework programme for science and research. In our Committee the importance of the social sciences is well acknowledged. Various factors have to be taken into account in the next Framework Programme which will focus upon finding solutions for the so-called 'Grand Societal Challenges'. We understand your concern regarding the role of the social sciences herein and it is important to try to find an appropriate balance between the different priorities.

Towards the summer our Committee will draw up a report formulating the political orientations concerning the eighth Framework Programme. Your position will be duly taken into account upon the writing of this report.

I would like to thank EASA for expressing their opinion.

Yours sincerely,



Herbert REUL