



**To the Chairs of the Committees on European Affairs
of the National Parliaments of the Member States of
the European Union**

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Standing Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands, I wish to draw your attention to a matter of deep concern regarding recent legislative developments in Hungary.

The Hungarian Parliament has adopted legislation that effectively bans Pride marches. This measure raises serious concerns about the protection of fundamental rights, in particular the rights to freedom of assembly and expression, which are enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and form the core of our shared European values.

In response, the Standing Committee on European Affairs of the Dutch House of Representatives has addressed a formal letter to the Hungarian government (attached herewith). In this letter, we strongly condemn this legislative development and urge the Hungarian authorities to repeal the law and to uphold the rights and freedoms of all citizens, including those belonging to the LGBTIQ+ community.

We believe it is of the utmost importance that national parliaments, as guardians of democracy and the rule of law in the European Union, speak out collectively in defense of these values. To that end, we respectfully invite your Committee to co-sign this letter and stand in solidarity with the fundamental rights that unite us.

Should your Committee wish to co-sign the letter, please reply by email before **14 May 2025** to the following address: cie.eu@tweedekamer.nl, in cc to NL.Parlement@natparl.ep.europa.eu.

We would highly appreciate your support and look forward to a strong common stance in favour of European values and human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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