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Dear Director General, *Alan Downey*

Blockades at the border between Greece and Bulgaria

Our member federation, the Bulgarian Industrial Association (BIA), has asked me to draw your attention to the difficulties encountered by Bulgarian companies and truck drivers due to the blockades at the border between the 2 countries organised by framers protesting against pension reforms on Greece.

BIA has also alerted their government who has been in contact both with the European Commission and with the Greek government to ask that they take the appropriate measures to address this situation.

BUSINESSEUROPE fully supports Greece in its efforts to carry out the necessary reforms, including for pensions, to put the country back on track and underlines the importance of ensuring the free movement of people and goods in the Single Market is not unduly hampered by illegal protest actions.

Thank you in advance for the attention you will pay to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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