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CHAPTER I: The Courage to Put Planet and People
First – Our Green and Social Deal for Europe

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Draft text

From line 99 to 101:

~~The acceleration of the transition to renewables will bring economic, health and security benefits, while further delay will only lead to higher costs down the line.~~

We will support a massive and accelerated electrification of all sectors, and ensure affordable energy for everybody. And we will provide help for those that cannot afford the initial investments to get through the transition and harvest the long run benefits.

For roads and trucks electrification is the fastest and cheapest way to net zero. We need to support the development of cheap electric vehicles, charging infrastructure and good public transportation replacing cars and flights.

Heating and cooling has been very dependent in fossil fuels – in particular natural gas. It is critical for the climate that we convert no later than 2035 – convert the remaining fossil heating in all homes and industries. In the long run this will result in cheaper and more stable heating – but many will need support for the initial investments. This is a top priority of the green and social deal.

We have seen and fought numerous attempts to slow down the transition in road transportation and heating. Propagating alternatives to electrification like hydrogen and other e-fuels. They come with higher risks and are more polluting – and costlier for both consumers and the society. They should be reserved for heavy industry, long distance shipping and flights where electrification is not feasible.

We will sharpen the targets and incentives for a green transition of the industry.

Combined with the build out of carbon taxes (carbon border adjustment mechanism) this will ensure a strong green European industrial development.

Explanation / Comment

We need to expand and be more explicit on the Greens emission reduction policies. Further we need to be more specific about how we protect citizens in the transition – not least to counter the misinformation and watering down of the Fit for 55 regulations for cars and heating.