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Dear Mr. Kuhn,

Thank you very much for your note on my proposals to amend the draft directive on the legal protection of encrypted services. I have well taken into consideration each and every point that you are making and I would like to ensure you that my amendments are not targeted neither against private consumers nor against academics.

If there has been any confusion in this respect (and I suspect that this may have been engineered by misinformation), you can be certain that things will be cleared up during the final discussion and the voting of the different amendments in the legal affairs committee.

Whichever commercial strategies and intensive lobbying, I can assure you that they do not suffice to influence experienced members of the European Parliament among whom, I hope, that your interlocutor can be included. We have always been endeavouring to search for the best possible and most balanced solutions to the problems we are asked to tackle, exercising our best and always very honest judgment.

Being an academic, you are naturally aware that there are usually many sides and many conflicting views on each and every problem and we are trying to present the best possible synthesis.

Yours Sincerely,

G. Anastassopoulos
Vice President of the European Parliament