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Dear President Metsola,

I am writing to you with serious concerns regarding the conduct of Slovak authorities during a recent fact-finding mission of the European Parliament to Slovakia, which I had the honour to lead.

Throughout our stay, we received troubling indications that our delegation – officially tasked with monitoring the use of EU funds – was under surveillance by Slovak security services. These suspicions are supported not only by independent sources but also by public statements made by Slovak government officials, in particular the Minister of the Interior, Mr Matúš Šutaj Eštok, and the Minister of the Environment, Mr Tomáš Taraba. Their remarks carried clear political undertones and exerted undue pressure on our delegation, which operated strictly within its official mandate. In an unprecedented move, the Prime Minister Robert Fico labeled me as a political assassin, which I consider a grave personal attack and an attempt to delegitimize the mission and its findings.

What is especially alarming is that during an evening meeting with whistleblowers – including individuals from Slovak security services – we had strong reasons to believe that our activities were being deliberately monitored. Such actions are unacceptable and contradict the principles of cooperation between Member States and EU institutions.

In this context, I kindly ask you to bring this matter to the attention of the Parliament's leadership and consider further steps towards the Slovak authorities. As a Member of the European Parliament, I find it deeply troubling that our missions can be subject to

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intimidation or interference, particularly at a time when authoritarian tendencies are on the rise in parts of the Union.

I respectfully urge you to uphold the integrity and independence of our parliamentary missions, which remain a fundamental instrument of democratic oversight within the EU.

Yours sincerely,



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