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TO THE GREEK NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION

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Dear Sir,

With this letter and following the appeal of the presidents of Drassi and Re:Create Greece, Theodoros Skylakakis and Thanos Tzimeros, to the National Broadcasting Council, I would like to raise my concern over their systematic exclusion from the national broadcasters in violation with the laws that govern media pluralism in Greece.

Even though the coalition of the two parties won 1.6 % in the last election and Drassi has an active MEP in the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) - the third largest European party – they have only one tenth of their relative share in the national broadcasters, violating their obligation to objective and equal transmission of information and news.

The substantive exclusion from television bulletins is confirmed by relevant published measurements upon which both parties have less than 0.2% share of airtime.

Following the above, I ask to move the legal proceedings and to compel these channels to devote airtime according to law and at least proportional to the electoral percentage of the parties, in order to restore pluralism, equal treatment of political parties and coverage of their political activities.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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