

Subject: Ensuring proper EPPO mandate application: CSO request on report 2025/2175(IMM) concerning waiver of immunity of Ms Angelika Niebler MEP

Brussels, 18 May 2026

Honourable Member,

As organisations dedicated to safeguarding democracy and accountability within the European Union, we are writing to respectfully ask you to vote against report [2025/2175\(IMM\)](#) on the request for the waiver of the immunity of Ms Angelika Niebler MEP, thereby allowing the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) to proceed with its investigation in line with [its mandate](#).

According to the European Parliament's Legal Affairs Committee (JURI) Report, on 21 July 2025, the European Chief Prosecutor submitted a request for the waiver of the immunity of Angelika Niebler, in connection with alleged offences that occurred between 2017 and 2025. According to [media reports](#), the EPPO has been presented with evidence alleging Ms Niebler hired local assistants for private purposes such as [chauffeur](#)ing her from her hometown of Munich to Brussels and Strasbourg, as well as to private and business appointments ([including](#) to the airport for holidays, or to meetings of CSU party leadership) not linked to her work as an MEP. This was also reported in the draft report 2025/2175(IMM)] concerning the waiver of the immunity of Ms Niebler, which was endorsed by most MEPs last week in the JURI Committee.

Parliamentary immunity is a fundamental principle, a guarantee that an MEP can freely exercise their mandate without exposure to arbitrary political persecution. As such, it guarantees the independence of the Parliament as a whole. However, in this case, credible allegations have been submitted to the EPPO, which, acting within its statutory mandate and based on its independent assessment, has determined that there are sufficient grounds to warrant a formal investigation. The EPPO's involvement is therefore not political in nature, but reflects its duty to ensure the effective enforcement of EU law and the proper investigation of potential offences affecting the Union's financial interests.

In addition, waiving parliamentary immunity does not constitute a judgement, but simply enables competent law enforcement authorities to carry out their mandate and conduct a proper investigation, where potential wrongdoing may or may not be established. As correctly stated on the European Parliament's

[website](#), “the lifting of an MEP’s immunity is not a “guilty verdict” and merely enables “authorities to proceed with an investigation or trial”.

When it comes to taxpayers’ money, the highest standards of rigour, transparency, and accountability are essential. In this context, enabling the EPPO to fully exercise its mandate is key to safeguarding the Union’s financial interests, ensuring the proper functioning of the EU’s institutional framework, and protecting the [Rule of Law](#). We therefore respectfully ask you to vote against [2025/2175\(IMM\)](#), thereby allowing the waiver of immunity of Ms Niebler and enabling the EPPO to proceed with its investigation in line with its mandate.

Your respectfully,

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