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Delegations will find enclosed the opinion¹ of the Danish Parliament (Folketinget) on the above proposal followed by a courtesy English translation.

¹ Translation(s) of the opinion may be available on the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange website (IPEX) at the following address: <https://secure.ipex.eu/IPEXL-WEB/search/document/results>



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**Politisk udtalelse om Kommissionens
forslag til Europa-Parlamentets og Rådets
direktiv om indførelse af EU-handicap-
kortet og EU-parkeringskortet for personer
med handicap (KOM (2023) 512) af 6.
september 2023**

Folketinget byder forslaget velkomment. Det er vigtigt, at personer med handicap har mulighed for at deltage i alle aspekter af samfundslivet, inkl. rejser på tværs af EU-landene.

Folketinget understreger, at forslagets brede tilgang til handicap bør bevares. Det er således centralt, at forslaget fortsætter med at gælde for personer med langvarige fysiske, psykiske og øvrige funktionsnedsættelser.

Folketinget bemærker, at det fremgår af forslaget, at det fortsat er medlemsstaternes kompetence at bestemme, hvem der er at regne for personer med handicap. Denne balance skal bevares.

Folketinget fremhæver, at forslaget i den videre proces fortsat ikke skal tildele nye rettigheder. Ligeledes skal forslaget fortsætte med ikke at omfatte sociale ydelser og ordninger på beskæftigelsesområdet.

Endelig mener Folketinget, at forslaget ikke strider imod nærhedsprincippet.

Med venlig hilsen

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**Contribution regarding the Commission's
Proposal for a Directive of The European
Parliament and The Council establishing
the European Disability Card and the
European Parking Card for persons with
disabilities (COM (2023) 512) of 6
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Folketinget welcomes the proposal. We believe it is important that people with disabilities have equal opportunities to take part in every aspect of society, including cross-border travel within the EU.

Folketinget believes that the broad-based approach to disability expressed in the proposal should be sustained. Folketinget considers it imperative that the proposals remain applicable to everyone who has long-term physical, mental or other impairments.

Folketinget notes that the proposal does not affect Member States' competence to determine the conditions for assessing and recognising disability status. This balance must be maintained.

Folketinget emphasises that no further entitlements should be added to the proposal in the ongoing process. Likewise, this proposal must continue to address neither social provisions nor the labour market schemes.

Finally, Folketinget is of the opinion that the proposal does not contravene the principles of subsidiarity.

Yours sincerely,

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