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Dear Mr. Musk,

Uncem - the Italian National Union of Mountain Municipalities and Communities - has been dealing for many years with the digital divide between advanced urban areas, large cities, and small towns, the mountain areas of Italy. The lack of a good connection is combined with a lack of digital skills, as well as the absence, in many areas of Italy, of a good signal for mobile telephony. It is a problem similar to that of other European countries, different but similar to those of other parts of the world.

We were not surprised by his recent declaration and his project to give a total internet connection, in every area of the world, without dark areas, with fast coverage even in remote areas of the planet. You have made innovation your reason for living. In some way it also applies to us, but not without humanistic growth and the inclusion of communities. We work on these fronts with the Italian Government and Parliament, so that - as Papa Francesco writes - no one is left behind. Nobody saves himself alone. So we are not asking you for projects or products. You know very well what the differences and inequalities in the world are between those who are billionaire and those who live on a dollar or two a day. Good connectivity for all joins other important and fundamental rights, in particular the access to food and water. In the International Year, declared by FAO and the UN, of the Sustainable Development of Mountains, we propose that you look at the mountain territories of Italy, Europe and the world, as living, productive, generative places that have need for public investments and synergies with companies that invest to overcome inequalities. Internet is the first step. Internet for all, connections for all, infrastructure for all. Access to natural resources and food, without usurping and damaging

them, enhancing them as a collective good for the benefit of all.

You have build the most beautiful and advanced electric cars on the planet. You have differentiated economic activities by pushing innovation, even beyond the imaginable, beyond the world. We want to work to give clear and lasting rights to everyone, regardless of where they live. The Mountains of the world are in many states as deserts, arid and abandoned. In Italy we have advanced systems of public policies that counter abandonment and depopulation, which continue however. Let's take care with climate change together. We do not want to make Italian mountain villages places to colonize or only invest in, sweeping away history and culture. Nor do we want to put the territories under glass bells. We look at what she builds, at her ideas, with attention and also with the desire to experiment with some innovations, some projects of your Companies in our territories of the Alps and the Apennines, in the most beautiful country in the world that you know well. We will gladly welcome you to a country in the Alps and the Apennines, to test your satellites that give internet to everyone, also with Italian telecommunications operators.

Let's work together in the "real space" of the territories, imagining how they are transformed and what they will be in twenty, fifty years, in one or two centuries. For us, innovating means including, giving rights, giving growth opportunities. Climate, economic and social change do not find us unprepared.

Thanks for your work. We look forward to seeing you soon in a town in the Italian mountains.

Marco Bussone

Presidente Uncem

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