

To: Member of the European Commission competent on Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility Marianne Thyssen

Brussels, 11.8.2015

Dear Mrs. Thyssen,

The European Free Alliance was appalled to receive the information that an EU citizen of Galician origin, Mrs. Maite Mourino, was dismissed by her current employer after 11 years of service only because she “accepted the nomination of a political party to participate in the elections”.

This political party is our member BNG in Galicia/Galiza and indeed Mrs. Mourino was included in the BNG electoral list in the municipality of Pontevedra. Furthermore and in order to justify this decision the employer-construction company ETRA Group- presented pictures of Mrs. Mourino’s recent political activity that came from a private investigator.

EFA believes that such practices are completely unacceptable and come directly from the 19th century. One should be completely free to exercise her/his fundamental right and participate in the political life without any kind of restrictions and, of course, without fear of losing her/his job.

We therefore call upon you to condemn this act immediately and intervene so that Mrs. Mourino will be able to return to her work and guarantee her right to freely exercise, as any European citizen, her political and social rights. . This is the only acceptable solution.

Yours respectfully,

Francois Alfonsi, EFA President

Ana Miranda Paz, EFA Vice President and f. Member of the European Parliament