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In reaction to the letter from the Corporate Europe Observatory, BSEF finds it important to state the following comments:

BSEF is a global industry association representing the major producers of brominated chemicals. BSEF is dedicated to further the scientific and regulatory understanding of brominated chemicals including flame retardants, which save thousands of lives by increasing the fire resistance of materials in homes and public places. There is absolutely no secret about what interests BSEF represents, who its members are, or where our offices are located. All this information is readily available on our website, www.bsef.com. No "considerable research efforts" are needed to discover this. We represent the interest of our members and have staff and employ consultants like many other bodies in Europe. The fact that we share office space with our outside EU consultant makes perfect sense in terms of cost and operational efficiencies and has never been concealed (it is on the name plaque at the entrance of the building).