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Dear Mr. Almodóvar,

It's a pleasure to see you preside the 70th Cannes Film Festival jury this year and the TGV Atlantique team and I are excited to see which films you will award.

I don't know if you are aware, but the travel time for the Paris to Bordeaux TGV train will be reduced from 3h15 to 2h04 very shortly. While this is a major technological leap forward in terms of transport it also means that passengers will no longer be able to watch the end of a majority of films – something that you professionals should not neglect as not only will a number of masterpieces be interrupted but an entire generation of viewers will be affected.

Mr. Almodóvar, there is no other way, films need to be shorter.

If, in a few days' time, you decide to only present awards to films that are less than two hours long, it will send a strong message to all your colleagues. As you have shown yourself, it is entirely possible to create true works of art while working within this time constraint.

The future of film depends on you.

*Vive le cinema! Vive le Cannes Film Festival!
Vive Paris-Bordeaux in just 2 hours and 4 minutes!*

Warmest regards,

Valérie Ducombe
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