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Dear President,

Allow us to cordially congratulate you on your election as President of the next European Commission in our own name and in the name of BUSINESSEUROPE and the whole European business community.

European companies strongly believe in the European Union and you can count on BUSINESSEUROPE and its member federations to support you in your endeavour to make Europe a better place with more and better jobs and the ability to defend its position in the world.

The next five years will be crucial for Europe's economic and political place in the world and Europe's success will depend on your success in defining and implementing a coherent agenda to raise Europe's competitiveness in order to attract more investment and to generate more growth and more jobs.

The European Union must therefore focus on the real issues and become more competitive, less bureaucratic, more pro-active, open to global trade and more outward looking. We must better leverage our key strength, our Single Market with more than 500 million consumers. We must further strengthen the Economic and Monetary Union and urgently tackle the underlying causes of high energy prices which unfortunately lead to industrial investment leakage out of Europe.

In a global economy, European countries must join forces. By 2050, no member state of the European Union is projected to be amongst the world's seven largest economies. Therefore we only have the choice between succeeding together or becoming insignificant separately.

BUSINESSEUROPE sees itself as a strong and pro-European partner in these endeavours and we are looking forward to personally discussing the upcoming challenges with you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Marcegaglia
President



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Director General