



**Mrs Ursula von der Leyen**  
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Dear President-elect,

**A strong economic agenda entrusted to a dedicated Commission Vice-President is essential for the success of the European Union in 2019-2024**

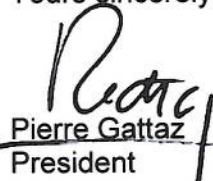
First of all, allow us to congratulate you once again on your election as President of the European Commission and to express our appreciation that the new Commission will be led by such a positive and pro-European figure. We trust that, among other ambitious goals, you will come up with an ambitious economic agenda ensuring the economic wellbeing of our continent and the global competitiveness of European companies.

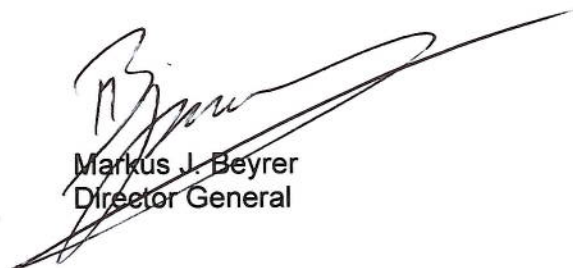
Further to our letter of 10 July 2019 containing BusinessEurope's 50 proposals for actions during the first 100 days of the new Commission, we would like to draw your attention to the expectation of the European business community of having a distinct reference person in the new College in the rank of a Commission Vice-President as it was and still is the case with the very respected VP Jyrki Katainen. This VP should be entrusted with the specific task of ensuring coherence between the different European policies that need to be mobilised in order to strengthen the economic success of the European Union in 2019-2024.

A thriving European economy is essential for reaching the ambitious goals you described in the political guidelines you defined for the next European Commission. Therefore, we believe that a dedicated VP who ensures a coherent approach to the different policies relevant for the wellbeing of our continent is essential for the overall success of this Commission. Furthermore, it would greatly facilitate a fruitful cooperation between the European Commission and the European business community.

Please rest assured of our support. The success of your Commission is crucial for our common European future.

Yours sincerely,

  
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President

  
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