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Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs
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Re: An Internal Market Strategy for Europe

Dear Commissioner,

In view of the forthcoming Commission Internal Market Strategy and upcoming College orientation debate on the future of the single market, I am pleased to enclose BUSINESSEUROPE's strategy paper entitled: *"Building a true single market for Europe – business priorities"*.

BUSINESSEUROPE stands firmly behind the single market and has always been fully committed to making it work better to create growth, jobs and boost Europe's competitiveness.

As you know, a true *single* market is not yet a reality. Companies still face many barriers when wanting to offer their goods and services across borders. In particular start-ups and SMEs have difficulties to grasp the opportunities that the single market can offer. Making our single market work better is also fundamental to make Europe more competitive vis-à-vis other parts of the world. Therefore, BUSINESSEUROPE strives to remove obstacles to free movement, investment and establishment in another Member State. This can often be achieved through better implementation, correct application and stronger enforcement of existing rules.

You can continue to count on BUSINESSEUROPE as an active partner to make the single market work better. We support the Commission in presenting a clear and ambitious new strategy for the future.

We trust you will take our views into account and stand ready to discuss these important matters further with you.

We are also sending a similar letter to First Vice-President Timmermans, Vice-President Katainen and Director-General Lowri Evans.

Yours sincerely,

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