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Dear Commissioner,

I would like to thank you once again for taking the time to meet with us in Brussels on 4 December 2019.

and I found the exchange with you to be very enriching.

As discussed in the meeting, the competitiveness of Europe is an important topic for us. To ensure a competitive European industry, both sufficient funding and appropriate funding instruments need to be in place to support collaborative research and innovation activities in the most promising and strategic areas, such as Artificial Intelligence, Connected Automated Mobility and Hydrogen Technologies. We therefore fully support the European Commission's efforts to secure a decent budget for the field of research and innovation. We will also raise our opinion towards the German government.

We are working intensively on an "Al made in Europe" that is safe, robust and explainable. This is also one of the aims of the Digital Trust Forum that we launched together with you in May 2019. We would be delighted if you co-hosted the next meeting of the Digital Trust Forum which will take place on 19 February 2020 at the Bosch Connected World in Berlin.

We would of course also be delighted to welcome you one day at our research campus in Renningen. Our Brussels office will contact your office to explore these possibilities.



Dear Ms Gabriel, we wish you all the best and success for the new term of the European Commission and are looking forward to continuing the dialogue with you and your team.

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Yours sincerely,