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Dear Mister Vice President,

The green and digital transformations are more than ever at the top of the EU policy debate. The efforts that the European Commission is making in this direction are huge and will certainly deliver a European transport system that will be ever more modern, resilient, and sustainable. As you know, railways are a central piece of this process, and an indispensable driver for achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal and of the EU Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy.

In addition, the 2021 European Year of Rail undoubtedly provides a unique opportunity to showcase the pivotal role that the European railways play for the future of the Union, its citizens, and its economy.

As [REDACTED] Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), I will do my best to ensure that, together with you and all EU policymakers, we can find adequate solutions to overcome the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and make the EU objectives a reality.

Please consider myself and my team at your disposal for any support we can give to the achievement of our common ambitions. To this very end, we will reach out to your team in the coming weeks to seek an opportunity for a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

