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Dear Sarah and [REDACTED]

I hope you're both doing well! As you may remember, after my traineeship at the cabinet I started working for #SustainablePublicAffairs, the first purpose-driven Public Affairs agency that only takes on cases that it believes have a positive impact on the climate. The knowledge and experience I gained in the cabinet during the launch of the Fit-for-55 package are very valuable for this!

I am contacting you about the following. One of the sustainable frontrunners we work with is SSAB, a Swedish steel company that is the first to start producing fossil-free steel with fossil-free electricity and fossil-free hydrogen in its production process (more info [here](#)). SSAB is far ahead of its polluting competitors and therefore welcomes the Commission's revision on the EU rules on gas and hydrogen. A clear definition of low-carbon hydrogen can be an incentivizing instrument to push industry to decarbonize their production process. We together with SSAB believe that low-carbon hydrogen should only be called low-carbon if it demonstrates at least an 80-90% CO2 reduction compared to conventional, fossil-based hydrogen. By including other types of hydrogen with a lower reduction rate in the same definition, industry will be less likely to decarbonise their production process, which will slow down the decarbonisation process of the industry and keeps fossil-based steel production alive.

In the context of the EU's Hydrogen and Gas Decarbonisation Package as well as the [announced Global Arrangement on Sustainable Steel](#), I would like to inquire whether you'd be open to have a meeting with SSAB. There is a small delegation coming to Brussels on 7-8 December and they would be keen to meet you to elaborate their attached position on low-carbon hydrogen further with you.

I'm looking forward to your reply and hopefully we'll meet each other soon again!

Best regards,

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