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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter last week.

I very much appreciate your insights and devotion to support and protect democracy in digital age. Your voice and constant search for solutions to global problems is very important and impactful. I am glad that you and your company provide necessary leadership in these discussions, and I am looking forward to hearing more about your ideas on how the tech industry can contribute to safeguarding democracy, media, and journalists.

I am counting on you and Microsoft to lead the way and foster industry-wide solutions that go beyond compliance with legislation.

On Thursday, we presented the strengthened Code of Practice on disinformation. Such a step would not be possible without the involvement of and the close cooperation between digital actors, including Microsoft. I am convinced that only by working together can the sector address disinformation successfully, improve transparency of the online debate and thus contributing to better functioning of democracy. For this reason, I would like to thank you for your active role in the process and dedication to the cause.

It was very interesting to hear during our last meeting about Microsoft's action in support of Ukraine as well as about your activities in the fight against disinformation and improving cybersecurity. I am a strong proponent of an ambitious partnership between both sides of the Atlantic and look forward to the deepening this relationship.

I look forward to our future cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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