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Dear Ms Simson,

On behalf of FuelsEurope, the Association of the EU petroleum refining and distribution industry, I would like to sincerely congratulate you on your appointment as Commissioner for Energy. You have been assigned a very exciting portfolio, and we are keen to offer our contribution to your work.

The refining industry has been operating in Europe for well over 100 years, providing an essential contribution to the EU economy, to its value chain and to the security of energy supply. We are fully committed to be part of the energy transition and to evolve its business model consistently with the 2050 climate goals of the EU and with the Paris Agreement. As you well know, we supply the energy in liquid form to many transport sectors that are regarded as "hard to abate" including heavy duty road transport, aviation and maritime, and we have been in extensive dialogue with key stakeholders of these sectors. We believe we have developed very attractive solutions based on a deep transformation of how we make liquid fuels. This is described in our Vision 2050 (<https://www.fuelseurope.eu/vision-2050/>), showing how to progressively reduce both GHG emissions of refining operations and carbon footprint of our products. We would be very happy to share with you our ideas about what policies are needed to deployment at scale of low carbon technologies in our industry.

Moreover, since 2012 FuelsEurope has been part of the EU Refining Forum, a DG ENERGY-led initiative providing Member States, the EU Institutions and industrial stakeholders with a unique opportunity to discuss on the regulatory framework and its impact on the competitiveness of the EU refining sector and on the security of the European supply. Over the previous 11 Editions, Member States have actively engaged in the Forum and a concrete result of the joint work was the *Refining Fitness Check* that was successfully published in 2016. In the dawn of the Green Deal, we strongly believe that continuing the exchange with the European Institutions it is of paramount importance. In this perspective, we consider the EU Refining Forum a key platform to exchange views with stakeholders deeply involved in the long term industrial transformation and we sincerely count on you for its continuation over the new legislature. We are therefore keen to discuss with you and your colleagues how to best design the next editions of the event.

Please allow me to take the liberty of contacting your office for a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

