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Dear President von der Leyen,

Thank you for arranging yesterday's meeting, which facilitated a frank discussion on the industry and political action needed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. It was a valuable opportunity to share detail on the extraordinary decisions that we are all taking at a fast pace to serve patients globally.

This is an all-out effort – everything that can be done and should be done is being done, not least demonstrated by the Commission proposal to delay the MDR by 12 months. We are grateful for this pragmatic decision that will allow more of our engineers and experts in Ireland, Italy and elsewhere to focus their attentions to support our production of ventilators and other respiratory products in Europe.

My European team can supply more detailed information to the Commission on this issue and indeed, stand ready to work with the EU in any way you deem helpful. [@medtronic.com](mailto: @medtronic.com) our President, EMEA can be contacted by your Cabinet at [@medtronic.com](mailto: @medtronic.com)

On behalf of Medtronic and our industry, let me thank you again for taking leadership to protect global supply chains and free circulation of critical technologies needed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please contact me directly at any time and thank you for your support and responsiveness.

Sincerely,