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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MS. VERONICA GAFFEY, CHAIR OF THE REGULATORY
SCRUTINY BOARD**

Subject: Submission of the Impact Assessment on the Digital Services Act

Dear Veronica,

I am pleased to submit the draft impact assessment report for the first component of the Digital Services Act package, relating to the consolidation of the single market for digital services and the clarification of their responsibilities. The impact assessment is accompanied by an evaluation of the E-Commerce Directive.

The submission includes the draft impact assessment report, its mandatory and additional annexes, including the draft evaluation report of the E-Commerce Directive, and the executive summary of the impact assessment for consideration and examination by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board at its meeting of 4 November 2020.

This work rests on years of collaborative work across the Commission's services, and a final inter-service group took place on 6 October, with broad support from the services and a positive discussion on the necessity and complementarity between horizontal rules for digital services and sector-specific efforts. The minutes of the last inter-service steering group, are being finalised and will be circulated shortly by the Secretariat-General.

This objective feeds into the strategic course set out in Commission President von der Leyen's mission letter for Executive Vice-President Vestager and in the Commission's Communication "Shaping Europe's digital future", which calls for new and revised rules to deepen the Internal Market for Digital Services, by increasing and harmonising the responsibilities of online platforms and information service providers and reinforce the oversight over platforms' content policies in the EU.

My services are at your disposal to answer any questions you may have in relation to the documents provided.

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