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Dear Mr [REDACTED], Dear Mr [REDACTED]

President von der Leyen would like to thank you for your letter kindly inviting her to the inaugural European Hydrogen Backbone Day, which will take place on 7 June 2022 at Mont des Arts in Brussels.

Regrettfully, despite her appreciation for your invitation and for the important topics which will be discussed at the event, the President is unable to provide a positive response due to prior commitments in her agenda on the day in question and the very heavy time constraints she is under at this exceptional time for Europe.

However, the President is pleased to note that Executive Vice-President Timmermans will make an address at the event as a representative of the Commission.

May I take this opportunity to send you my kindest regards and best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

*[e-signed]*  
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