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President David Maria Sassoli
European Parliament
Rue Wiertz 60
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Dear President Sassoli,

Thank you for your time last week. I really enjoyed our conversation and the chance to connect with you once again.

I agree that the acceleration in the adoption of digital tools, catalyzed by the pandemic, will teach us many valuable lessons about how the Internet can support both citizens and companies alike. This change in behavior will also require everyone - institutions, companies, civil society - to come together and discuss how the Internet can be most helpful for society. We would be glad to participate in such discussions and contribute constructively wherever we can.

On the topic of **disinformation**, we are working closely with both European Commission Vice President Jourova and national authorities to promote authoritative content and tackle harmful disinformation online. We're committed to the EU Code of Practice and to our cooperation with the Commission to find new and creative ways to continue the fight against disinformation.

We also discussed the potential for the **digital sector to serve as one of the main pillars for EU economic growth**. We very much believe in that opportunity. As I mentioned during our call, we are already working on projects to support small and medium businesses to leverage digital opportunities in recovering from the crisis. As an example, we recently launched [Grow Greece with Google](#), an initiative to train 3,000 job seekers and support Greek tourism companies in harnessing digital opportunities to grow. This is on top of our efforts to train 5,500 SMBs in Greece since the start of the pandemic. We are looking to replicate these activities in other European member states.

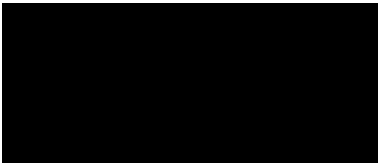
Last week, we also announced a strategic partnership between [Telefonica and Google Cloud](#) (that followed a partnership between [TIM and Google Cloud](#) in Italy) to launch a new cloud

region in Spain and help Spanish businesses of all sizes to find new ways to innovate and contribute to the country's economic recovery.

Last but not least, I look forward to remaining in touch on the European Parliament's initiatives to ensure universal access to the web. I agree that this is a fundamental issue and I would only add that we would hope that access to the Internet could be paired with robust digital education to ensure that citizens know how to access it in a safe and positive way.

I very much look forward to our next conversation after the summer break. My team in Brussels and Rome remain at your disposal for any further questions or needs.

Sincerely,



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Dear [REDACTED]

please find attached a thank you letter from Mr Pichai to President Sassoli.
Thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

We remain at the disposal of the President for any question or further interaction and look forward to their next digital meeting after the summer break.

Best regards.

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Diversity is being invited to the party, inclusion is being asked to dance at the party.

