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Dear Mr Mackay,

I would like to thank you very much for your congratulations and best wishes in your letter of 10 December 2019.

In the last five years, I have seen how enforcing competition rules can make markets work for people, not the other way round. I am proud of the work we have done, but there is still a lot to do. So I am honoured that the President asked me to continue my work on competition and assume a role of the Commission's Executive Vice-President for Europe fit for the Digital Age.

As you rightly point out, we face great challenges ahead, like climate change, and the digital transformation, which will affect every single part of our lives. However, we have what it takes to face those challenges. Europe is filled with highly skilled people, we have excellent infrastructure, and a solid regulatory framework, which gives European businesses the room to grow and innovate. However, as the world gets smaller and more connected, the global competition gets tougher. To ensure that Europe's industrial strategy is green, fair and for everyone, we will need to work harder than ever.

In the past the Commission has worked intensively to reach common goals to secure a prosperous future – not only for our institutions, but for our continent as a whole. I am convinced that the new Commission will ensure that our competition policy and rules are fit



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for the modern economy, while ensuring that Europe fully grasps the potential of the digital age.

In this respect, I thank you for having shared your own experience with the digital transformation process, and I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Margrethe Vestager