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Dear Minister,

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Economy and Industry of the Republic of Estonia.

Estonia and Germany are linked by close bilateral relations. As EU Member States, our ambitious aim is to strengthen the internal market, further develop it and make it fit for the future, enhance the competitiveness of the European economy, and maintain the rule of law and stability in the European Union. The green transition has priority for the competitiveness of our companies. And European industrial policy will continue to play a crucial role in the next legislative period of the European Commission, with a clear focus on the Clean Industrial Deal. In this context, we should especially bear in mind SMEs and provide political support to them, where possible, so that they can also succeed in implementing the green transition.

The core tasks related to the green transition include the digitisation of our companies and political support. We need to make our enterprises fit for the future, so that they can survive in the face of global competition. I expect my ministry to be represented at the forthcoming Tallinn Digital Summit in Estonia in November.

As regards business startups, Estonia serves as a role model. Your country offers an optimum environment for them, especially in the startup phase. First contacts have already been established between our two ministries in the context of the Digital Hub Initiative, and I would be delighted if we could further advance the networking of our startup ecosystems together, as it is also important for us to strengthen them.

I look forward to working together with you and I wish you good fortune and success in executing your new responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed:] Robert Habeck

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action