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Dear Minister,

A competitive European industrial base is essential to driving growth, prosperity and economic resilience across the continent. With the Clean Industrial Deal and the Competitiveness Compass, the European Commission has sent the right signals. What matters now is swift and effective implementation so that the necessary investment decisions can be taken in favour of Europe as an industrial location.

Since its launch in 2013, the Friends of Industry has allowed us – as European ministers responsible for industry – to speak with one voice and inject important momentum at the European level. Today, such momentum is needed more than ever to ensure a successful industrial policy that supports our enterprises. We therefore propose to reconvene the Friends of Industry at ministerial level, to revitalise this format and jointly explore concrete measures to sustainably strengthen European industry. Our aim is to present these outcomes to the European Commission in the form of a Berlin Declaration.

It is my pleasure to invite you to help shape the future of European industrial policy by joining us at the **8th Friends of Industry Conference**, to be held in **Berlin on Monday, 3rd November 2025**. Please make a note of the date.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to reschedule the conference from November 18th to November 3rd 2025. I hope, you can attend our meeting. I am looking forward to our exchange.

We will be in touch shortly with further organisational details. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Division IV A 4 (e-mail: friendsofindustry@bmwe.bund.de), responsible for European industrial policy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Heute'.