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Dear Commissioner,

I hereby present my compliments and would like to thank you for the great efforts the Commission and in particular DG Enterprise is putting into measuring and reducing administrative burdens for businesses in Europe.

I would also like to thank you for the invitation to submit proposals for simplification of EU legislation in particular within the so called 13 priority areas.

We strongly welcome and support the work on simplification and the efforts put forward to produce fast and tangible results for businesses in Europe.

In line with this approach, we have encouraged the danish public authorities to propose ideas for simplification of EU legislation. As a result, I hereby enclose a list of 30 Danish proposals for simplification (Annex 1).

There is a clear connection between the initiatives at EU level to reach the 25 percent reduction target and our own work towards the equivalent target set at national level. In this respect, we strongly agree with the approach towards simplification set up in the Action Programme for administrative Burden Reduction; this simplification effort should not comprise the underlying purpose of the legislation but should be based on a balanced and integrated approach.

I look forward to further progress and cooperation in this area and thank you again for your efforts and commitment to improve the business environment in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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