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Dear Commissioner Kyriakides,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment as European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety. I wish you every success in your new position and I look forward to our collaboration.

Protecting and promoting public health is an important and sometimes challenging task. In general, health systems in Europe are well functioning and we should be proud of what we have achieved so far. However, we still face critical challenges that we must address at European level.

We are looking into a future where antimicrobial resistance can have a major negative impact on public health. The need to ensure a stable supply of affordable medicines in Europe as well as the digital aspects of healthcare are also matters that call for our immediate attention and action.

Therefore, I am pleased that these and other key issues, such as cancer prevention, are among the priorities of the new European Commission.

I hope that we will get the opportunity to meet in connection to the EPSCO Council meeting next week and to discuss future EU health policy priorities.

Yours sincerely,

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