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Dear Mr. Boleat, Mr. Villeneuve, and Mr. Levy Garboua,

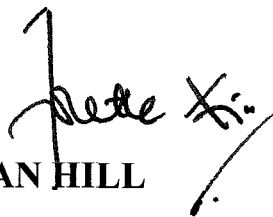
Thank you for your letter of support and recommendations. I am very sorry you have not had an earlier reply.

Following the financial crisis, the EU put forward an unprecedented series of reforms to secure financial stability and improve the supervision of financial markets. As you say, I am not advocating a bonfire of regulation, but I do think we should look at whether the legislation has done exactly what it was intended to do. I have therefore asked DG FISMA to conduct a series of focused studies with a view to reaching recommendations for actions which could help jobs and growth. The objective will be to get a better understanding of the impact of legislation seen from the perspective of the different sectors. In that context your suggestions are extremely valuable.

As a follow-up to the legislation passed during the last five years a whole range of implementing measures are now in the pipeline – most of them for this year. I intend to conduct this exercise through the prism of jobs and growth. I shall pay particular attention to the examples mentioned in your letter for which I am grateful.

As you are no doubt aware, we have launched the Capital Markets Union (CMU) which aims to create a single market for capital by removing barriers to cross-border investment and lowering costs of funding. In some areas, legislation will be the appropriate policy response to the challenges of creating an integrated CMU. In other cases, the market may be best placed to deliver solutions. Non-legislative steps and the effective enforcement of competition and single market laws in particular might offer the best way forward in other areas. A public consultation was launched on 18 February to get views on how to proceed on building a Capital Markets Union. I would encourage you to respond to this consultation.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JONATHAN HILL