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*Dear Ms Fjeldsted,*  
*Dear Ms Beger,*

*Thank you for your letter about the responsibility for medicinal products, for health technologies and for medical devices within the Commission.*

*This is an issue which I have discussed and agreed in the context of political discussion ahead of the vote of the European Parliament on the new College. The organisation now in place within the Commission reflects these discussions.*

*I agree that medicines are not goods like any other and that the interests of patients cannot be compromised. This is why I have decided that the responsibility for medicines and pharmaceutical products lies within the portfolio of the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, as I had announced it explicitly in the plenary session on 22 October 2014.*

*I would like to underline that the organisation of the College I have put in place is specifically designed to ensure that decisions take into account all relevant perspectives, in a collegial manner, in the spirit of collective responsibility.*

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*Notably, I have asked the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety and the Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs to work very closely together on all matters concerning health-related products.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a horizontal line that curves downwards and to the left, ending in a small hook.