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Dear Ms Jensen,

Thank you for your letter of 7 June 2018 to First Vice-Presidents Timmermans, Vice-President Katainen and Commissioners Vella, Thyssen and Bienkowska. They have asked me to reply on their behalf.

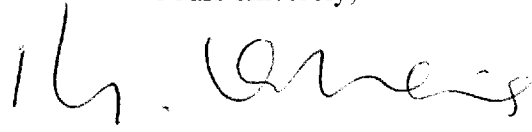
I appreciate your commitment to share your expertise with the European Commission's services and to take an active part in discussions to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment as well as the achievement of other EU commitments such as the shift towards a more circular economy. I would also like to thank you for your valuable input to the development of a non-toxic environment strategy.

Over the last years, the Commission has engaged in a number of processes evaluating and assessing the current EU chemicals legislation, including the Chemical Product Waste Interface Communication, the 2nd REACH review and the Fitness Check of the most relevant EU chemicals legislation (excluding REACH). The outcome and findings of these actions together with a number of studies which have been commissioned (including a comprehensive study in preparation of the non-toxic environment strategy) as well as the views of stakeholder gathered throughout various initiatives, will allow for an overarching understanding of the challenges identified and a mapping of the various options to address them. Many of the aspects that HEAL highlights in its input are considered and analysed in-depth.

Some of these processes are still ongoing and will not be finalised before the end of 2018. Based on the timeline of these activities and the fact that we are now approaching the end of the mandate of this Commission we do not expect to present any strategy for chemicals policy during the next year.

The Commission is currently considering how to present findings and conclusions of these processes and studies to prepare the grounds for a future strategy. I also expect to invite different stakeholders to a continued discussion on the possible ways forward and would hence welcome your continued engagement in the area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Calleja', written in a cursive style.

Daniel Calleja