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Dear President,

On behalf of the European Commission and my own, I would like to offer you my warmest congratulations on your election as President of the European Committee of the Regions.

The European Commission and myself are convinced that, under your presidency, the Committee will continue to contribute constructively to a stronger, more united and fairer Europe. Your role as President of the Committee of the Regions can help to promote the position of the regions and municipalities at the center of the European debate.

I count on your political commitment as a convinced European to advance joint projects between the Committee and the Commission, in particular in the context of the Conference on the Future of Europe and Better Regulation. I am sure that we can continue to develop the already excellent relations between the Commission and the Committee even further. Please be assured of the Commission's cooperation during your term.

I wish you every success in your new office. I look forward to working closely with you and the Committee and to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Ursula von der Leyen