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Mr Steffen Holme Helledie
Chair of the Committee of European Affairs

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Dear Mr Steffen Holme Helledie, Honourable Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2026 concerning the Commission's impact assessments.

I fully concur with you that impact assessments are a cornerstone of better regulation and therefore a key instrument in our Better Regulation toolbox.

You claim that out of the 64 legislative proposals for which the Folketing provided the Danish government with a mandate since 1 December 2024 only 14 were accompanied by an impact assessment, but this figure needs to be put in context.

Not all legislative proposals require an impact assessment, but only those initiatives which are expected to have significant economic, environmental or social impacts and for which the Commission can make a policy choice.

Moreover, the operational rules provide flexibility for cases where an impact assessment is due but cannot be performed for specific reasons such as for instance urgency. In these cases, the Commission issues with the proposal or shortly afterwards a Staff Working Document, which provides the analytical evidence supporting the proposal, including a cost-benefit analysis.

These analytical documents provide the Folketing with the necessary evidence to analyse the Commission's proposal and to establish the mandate for the Danish government.

Having said that, the Commission recognises that in recent years, the succession of crises, the evolution of the geopolitical environment and the resulting need to legislate quickly has put our system under strain and this, at a time when we need to restore our competitiveness.

I can confirm that our recent Communication, you referred to, is aiming at increasing both the number and relevance of impact assessments. This will ensure that more legislative initiatives, including urgent and targeted ones, such as omnibus proposals, will be supported by impact assessments.

Minimum requirements will be introduced for accelerated pathways, ensuring that urgency is justified by clear criteria and that better regulation requirements are still applied.



Our communication, however, does not stop at improving impact assessments. It is built on five pillars: 1) simplicity by design, 2) improving our better regulation system, i.e., our impact assessments but also our consultation process, 3) deep regulatory cleaning, 4) addressing gold-plating and 5) enforcement.

We count on your strong support on these points, as better law making is a shared responsibility.

National Parliaments have a critical role to play when it comes to transposition of EU law and to avoid that the adaptation of a directive to local circumstances leads to the undue fragmentation of the Single Market. Applying correctly and on time the agreed EU legislation is in itself a huge simplification and strengthens our competitiveness.

Finally, I would like to call on your support also as regards the substantial amendments presented by the co-legislators. Co-legislators should do their part and assess their substantial amendments based on a common pragmatic approach. What matters for citizens and companies is not what the Commission has proposed but the legislation that has been adopted and the impacts it has on them.

Thanks again for your vigilance and let me reassure you that we all aim at a better regulation approach that is fit for purpose and allows for simple and easily implementable legislation.

Yours sincerely,



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