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Dear Baroness Keeley,

Congratulations on your new role! Thank you for your predecessor's letter of 24 January following the recent resignation of Marcus Bokkerink, Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority, and the announcement that Doug Gurr will take on the role on an interim basis pending the appointment of a new permanent Chair.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Communications and Digital Committee for the work it undertook before and during the passage of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers (DMCC) Act 2024 to ensure the new legislation is effective in creating a level playing field for tech businesses to innovate and grow.

I can reassure you and the Committee that the Government remains committed to the DMCC Act and providing the CMA with the powers it needs to carry out the new functions granted under the Act. Indeed, as you highlight, the CMA has already used its new powers to launch investigations into Google and Apple's mobile ecosystems.

Doug Gurr's experience in the tech sector means he brings unique experience of precisely the types of digital markets that the CMA are now responsible for regulating for the benefit of UK consumers.

I look forward to reading the Committee's report on the barriers facing AI and technology firms looking to scale up and your recommendations for accelerating growth.

Best wishes,

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