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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman of the Committee on the judiciary

via email

Dear Chairman of the Committee on the judiciary,

Dear Mr Jordan,

I have been informed by the European Commission about your - and the Committee on the Judiciary of the US House of Representatives - invitation to participate at a hearing in the Committee on 3rd of September. I respectfully regret to inform you that I will not be able to participate, being not available on that date given the very short notice.

As the scope of the hearing and the objective of the testimony touches upon the European Unions's policies and more specifically the Digital Services Act (DSA), I have been informed that the European Commission will answer you directly in substance.

As far as I am concerned, and in order to help your committee to avoid a biased debate or a possible instrumentalisation of the EU legislation for short term political benefit, I am happy to share an op-ed which has been published today in the European press (see link below).

I remain a believer of a constructive, deep and respectful transatlantic partnership and cooperation. Our democracies have evolved side by side for centuries. I am convinced this must and will continue. But it requires respect and mutual understanding

Finally, as you decided to go public about this invitation on X, you will understand that I follow the same approach.

Respectfully yours,

Thierry Breton



Cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

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