



GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Antonio Tajani  
President of the European Parliament  
European Parliament  
Brussels

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing regarding the European Parliament's resolution of July 5, 2018, on the adequacy of the protection afforded by the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield (the "Resolution"). Together with the White House National Economic Council, the U.S. Departments of Justice and State, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the U.S. Department of Commerce has welcomed the opportunity to engage with Parliamentary representatives throughout the year regarding the functioning of the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework ("Privacy Shield" or the "Framework").

We have taken very seriously every aspect of the Resolution and have provided detailed responses in the attached Annex. We agree that the facts underlying the Framework's implementation and enforcement must be fully and accurately described as we continue to work together to enhance individual privacy, strengthen data protection, and support the transatlantic data flows that underpin the \$1.1 trillion in annual goods and services trade between the United States and the European Union.

The U.S. Government has engaged closely, consistently, and constructively with the European Commission, Member State data protection authorities, and European Parliament members throughout Privacy Shield's development and implementation—particularly in conjunction with the first and upcoming second annual review of the functioning of the Framework. We look forward to continuing such collaboration to ensure the ongoing integrity of this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Davidson", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Davidson

Attachment

cc: Claude Moreas, *Chair, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*  
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