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Dear President,

The new Commission, which entered office on 1 November 2014, is fully committed to strengthening its partnership with national Parliaments. An active and constructive political dialogue on the Commission's proposals is a crucial part of this relationship, complementing the essential direct contacts between our institutions. The Commission looks forward to working with the Senat over the coming years.

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the Communication on effective, accessible and resilient health systems {COM(2014) 215 final}.

The Commission shares the Senat's view that eHealth plays a fundamental role in contributing to the sustainability of health systems, increasing their efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency. The Commission also supports the view that eHealth solutions are helpful in developing innovative models of care, which are more targeted and effective in reducing errors and minimise the length of hospitalisation.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Senat to making best use of EU funding instruments available to Romania that can contribute to the innovation of the health system and to the reduction of health inequalities.

Finally, the Commission welcomes the efforts already undertaken in Romania to modernise the health system and to increase its accessibility, and encourages further steps in this direction.

The Commission hopes that these comments address the issues raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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