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The Honorable Paul Tang
Member of European Parliament

Dear Mr. Tang,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in a study tour of technology policy leaders convened by the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) with support from Stiftung Mercator. The exchange will take place **March 17 – 23, 2024** and will bring a delegation of approximately eighteen Members of European Parliament to engage with the technology communities in Washington, DC, and Austin, Texas or Sacramento, California, including Members of Congress, federal policymakers, technology innovators, and civil society experts.

Technology is at the center of policy debates in the United States and the European Union. Across a wide range of issues, US audiences would benefit from greater insight into the European Union's regulatory advances. The transatlantic tech exchange will also provide participants with an opportunity to build relationships and build transatlantic mutual understanding across policy makers, innovators, civil society, and industry.

The delegation will begin in Washington, DC, for meetings with congressional lawmakers, federal policymakers, private companies, thought leaders, and civil society. One-half of the delegation will then travel to Austin, Texas, for consultations with leading technology innovators whose day-to-day operations are impacted by global technology policy. The other half of the delegation will travel to Sacramento, California for engagements with California state-level policymakers. Please indicate any preferences between Austin and Sacramento and we will do our best to accommodate all requests. Discussions will center on high-priority policy issues that are the focus of rulemaking in both the EU and US, including AI and emerging technology, internet governance, platform accountability and data as well as EU-US cooperation on these issues. All costs will be covered by the study tour organizers.

Your perspective would be invaluable to this transatlantic tech exchange, given your leadership on these issues. I have attached additional information about GMF and the GMF Digital program. Thank you for considering this invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven T. Bosacker".

Steven Bosacker
Senior Vice President, Innovation
The German Marshall Fund of the United States