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Dr Tan Wu Meng Senior Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Trade and Industry

Dear Wu Meng,

Thank you for writing to me to explain your intention to return to medical practice. I accept your decision.

You have been a valued member of my team. As Senior Parliamentary Secretary at both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, you have carried out your responsibilities ably and efficiently, and represented Singapore's interests well at international meetings. You have visited almost every continent (except Antarctica!), to cultivate relationships with other countries, and open doors for our businesses. You were particularly keen on furthering our trade relationship with Africa and the Middle East and tapping the dynamism and potential of those regions. Trade negotiations can be complex and esoteric, but you took close interest in them, and gave useful advice to our negotiating teams.

At home, you have been involved in strengthening our competition regime, and supporting the work of the Pro-Enterprise Panel to create a more business-friendly environment. You felt strongly about deterring unfair business practices and pushed initiatives to protect consumers and help them make informed decisions. You also encouraged the energy industry to innovate and experiment to develop commercially viable clean energy solutions, by deploying solar energy, energy storage systems and energy efficiency initiatives. In addition, you helped keep our laws up to date and fit for purpose, by moving amendments to the Electricity Act and Gas Act in Parliament.

Your sincerity, thoughtfulness and work ethic came through in all of your work. I look forward to your continuing contributions in Parliament, particularly as they will benefit from what you have learnt from your time in government. As an experienced Member of Parliament for Jurong GRC, I know you will continue to take good care of your residents there.

My best wishes for your medical career, and for all your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

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LEE HSIEN LOONG