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Dear Ms Spurek,

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, in which you ask him to comment on a tweet. The Executive Vice-President has asked me to reply as this was posted on my Twitter account.

The tweet you refer to was removed as it may have not been clear as your letter proves to be the case. The purpose of it was not to contradict widely known facts that meat production contributes to the GHG emissions, but to underline that the Commission does not plan to administratively reduce the number of animal farms; rather it will promote sustainable meat production with high animal welfare standards also with the view to mitigate those negative impacts.

Let me reassure you that the Commission fully supports the transition of agriculture towards greater sustainability as described in the EU Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

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