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Dear Mr. Bo Øksnebjerg and Mr. Christoph Heinrich,

Thank for your open letter of May 7th 2018 regarding the proposed wild-boar fence along the Danish-German border, which I will be answering on behalf of the Prime Minister of Denmark Lars Løkke Rasmussen and myself.

The Danish government has together with The Danish People's Party decided to launch a number of initiatives to prevent African swine fever from reaching Denmark.

One of the initiatives is to set up a wild-boar fence along the Danish-German border as a temporary measure in order to minimize the migration of wild boar from Germany. Fines will also be increased considerably for breaching regulations and thus exacerbating the risk of bringing African swine fever into Denmark. This will together with already established measures such as information campaigns contribute to handle the 'human factor'.

The building of a fence between Germany and Denmark should only be regarded as a precautionary measure and should be seen as an addition to national measures already established such as better possibilities for hunters to manage wild boars.

The Danish government has proposed a bill on the wild-boar fence, which is currently undergoing legislative procedures in the Danish parliament.

When the bill is passed, the Ministry of Environment and Food will ensure that Denmark complies with all legal responsibilities such as the EU law on nature and environmental protection as well as the administration of internationally protected nature conservation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Ellemann-Jensen', written in a cursive style.

Jakob Ellemann-Jensen

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