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Dear Minister, dear Magnus,

On 28 April 2015 the bill on construction of the fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt and the Danish hinterland connections passed the Danish Parliament. Hereby, the project has been environmentally approved by the Danish authorities.

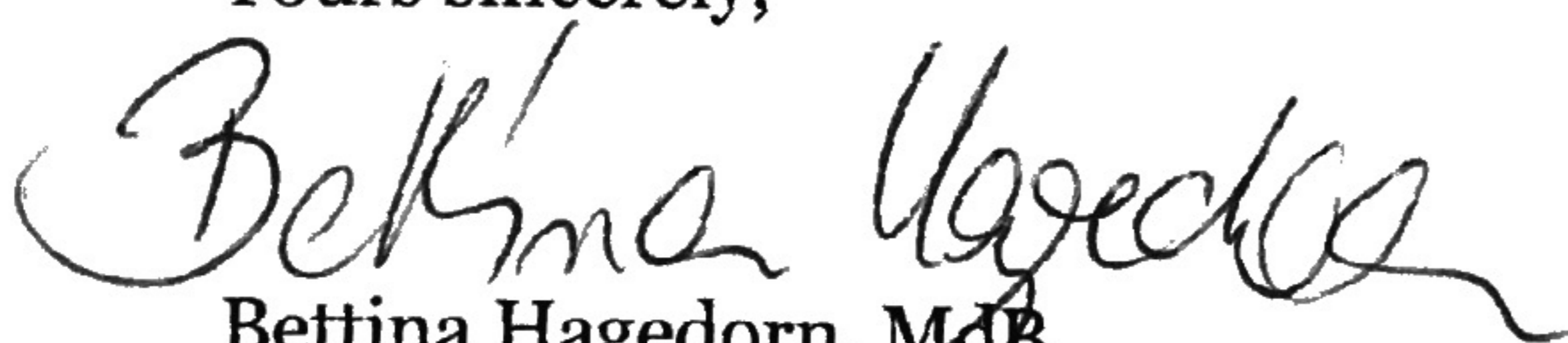
According to the explanatory notes to the bill, it is going to be decided whether the time table of the upgrading of the Danish railway hinterland connection is going to be adjusted, due to the new time table of the upgrading of the German railway hinterland connection.

Noise issues were decisive for the decided alignment of the upgraded railway between Puttgarden and Bad Schwartau. We fear for the international railway traffic from the opening of the Fehmarnbelt fixed link until the finalization of the upgraded railway between Puttgarden and Bad Schwartau, especially the rail freight trains. The upgrading of the German railway hinterland connection is expected to be finalised in 2024. According to Femern A/S' current time table of construction of the fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt, the immersed tunnel is expected to open in late 2021.

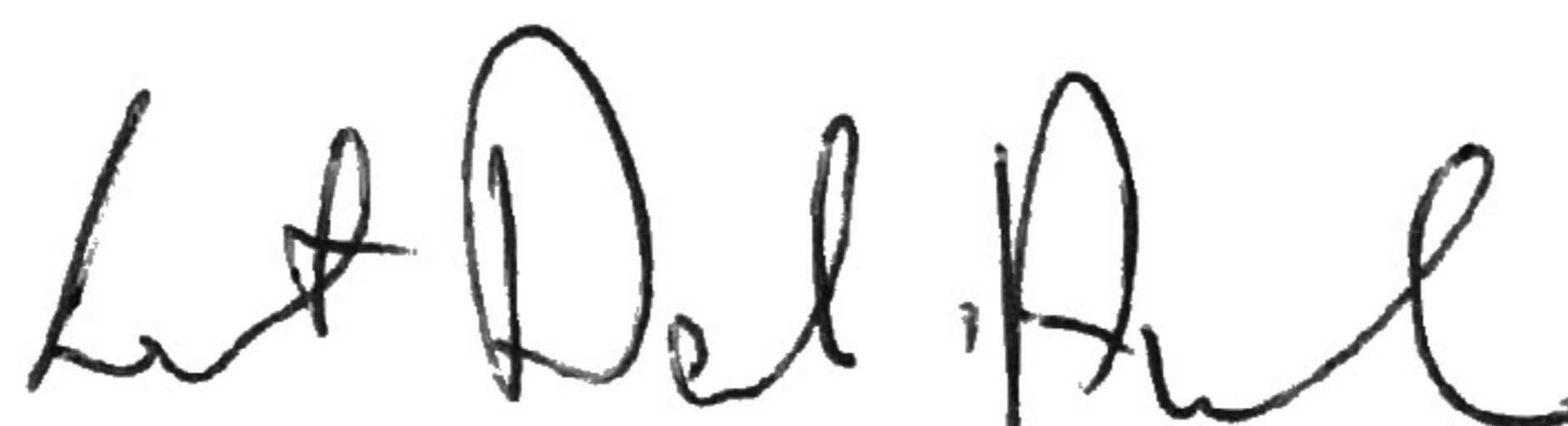
We are aware that you are going to meet with the German Federal Minister for Transport, Mr. Dobrindt, in the autumn 2015 to discuss a new time table for the Fehmarnbelt project. Therefore, we call on you to ensure that rail freight trains are not going to use the Fehmarnbelt corridor and the current single track between Puttgarden and Bad Schwartau before the German railway hinterland connection has been upgraded.

We trust on your understanding for this problem and we look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,



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