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**Permanent Senate Commission
for the Investigation of Health
Hazards of Chemical Compounds
in the Work Area of the German
Research Foundation (DFG)**

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Letter of support for the initiative *InnoMatSafety*

Dear Dr. Haase,

the Senate Commission for the Investigation of Health Hazards of Chemical Compounds in the Work Area, the MAK Commission, provides scientific advice to the DFG Senate and federal/state governments, parliaments and authorities on health protection issues in connection with exposure to hazardous substances, especially in the field of occupational safety.

For the work of the MAK commission, the science-based proposal of occupational exposure limits as well as conceptual work, highly depend on the availability and quality of toxicological data.

Specifically, the MAK commission is convinced that the *InnoMatSafety* initiative is important especially with respect to the establishment of quality standards for toxicological data, focusing on

- experimental design, data generation and presentation
- quality criteria for research data, also in the field of innovative material safety
- workflow of data presentation as basis for general data availability, access and exchange (re-use) for multiple purposes of scientific risk assessment
- data collection and presentation as a prerequisite for read-across of structurally related chemical compounds.

Therefore, on behalf of the MAK commission, I strongly support the initiative as important step towards future approaches in chemical risk assessment, as also envisaged on the European level within the *Green Deal*.

With kind regards,

(Prof. Dr. Andrea Hartwig)

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