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Scott Schenkel eBay Interim Chief Executive Officer 2025 Hamilton Avenue San Jose, California 95125

Mr. Schenkel:

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