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**GERMAN CONSERVATIVES PILE PRESSURE ON VON DER LEYEN TO DISMANTLE BRUSSELS 'MACHINE'**

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*Right-wing lawmakers in Berlin are set to confront the Commission president over what they view as excessive EU power and regulation in a closed-door meeting Monday.*

German conservatives are preparing to confront European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen with a stark ultimatum: Rein in Brussels control and red tape or face a new push to curb the Commissions powers.

Von der Leyen is set to attend a gathering of German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's conservatives in Berlin on Monday, where the group plans to face her with tougher demands on fast-tracking cuts to what they see as burdensome EU regulations weighing on German businesses, two of the lawmakers told POLITICO.

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