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**A meaningful vote on Brexit**

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me regarding Parliament having a meaningful vote on Brexit.

Brexit is too big an issue to be left to the Government alone to decide and it is crucial that elected MPs have a meaningful say over the shape of Brexit. Labour has always maintained that Parliament should have the right to a genuinely meaningful vote on the terms of our exit from the EU. Labour's Shadow Brexit Secretary, Sir Keir Starmer has recently set out why we believe this is important. You can read Keir's article [here](#).

The Government had originally intended to sideline Parliament and give MPs virtually no say on the final shape of any deal it negotiates with the EU. As a result of pressure from Labour and others in recent months, Ministers have been forced to compromise on that issue and Parliament will now get a say on the final deal. Unfortunately, as a result of the Government voting down amendments in the closing stages of debates on the EU Withdrawal Bill recently, there is still ambiguity over precisely how Parliament will be given a meaningful say over what should happen, particularly if Ministers fail to reach a deal of any kind with the EU.

All the evidence suggests that the terms on which Britain leaves the EU will be of key importance to jobs and living standards of people in the UK for many years to come and that the impact will be particularly severe if Britain crashes out of the EU without a deal. It is only right that elected MPs, not simply Ministers, should have a meaningful say over the course of action that Britain should take both during the negotiations and at their conclusion. Labour will continue to press for this to happen over the coming months.

I have been contacted by lots of people recently about a range of different issues relating to the EU Withdrawal Bill, you can read my reflections on last week's key votes in the House of Commons on my website [here](#).

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about Parliament having a meaningful say over Brexit.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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