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<u>Please don't block Brexit</u>

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me as part of the campaign 'please don't block Brexit'

The decision to take the UK out of the European Union was made at the referendum and by triggering Article 50 Parliament has set that process in motion.

The referendum asked one very specific question on whether the UK should remain a member of the EU or leave. What that referendum didn't answer though, is what form and approach should be taken to Brexit. In the light of that I am determined that there should be no blank cheque for the Government in the way they pursue Brexit. Labour's priority is to now secure a Brexit deal that puts jobs and living standards first and delivers for all regions and nations of the UK.

Of course, as we are not in Government, it is not us who are negotiating the terms of Brexit with the EU and we are very concerned about the approach that the Conservatives are taking to those negotiations.

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. In the light of that we believe that 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 this issue.

Best wishes,

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