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Trade Bill

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about trade after Brexit.

I share the concerns of many people about the risk of the Government bypassing parliamentary scrutiny and accountability when agreeing to new trade deals. I have also signed [EDM 128](#) in the House of Commons which calls on the Government to ensure the right of Parliament to amend and reject trade deals.

It is important that future trade deals do not lead to a race to the bottom and are used instead to maintain and build on existing standards. This is why it is so important that Parliament is given proper time to scrutinise new deals.

The Trade Bill that is currently before Parliament should have offered an opportunity to legislate for meaningful parliamentary scrutiny of future UK trade and investment treaties. Instead, the government has published a Bill that seeks to concentrate power in the hands of the executive, against the interests of Parliament and of wider democracy.

Labour is committed to transparency in trade policy, with full parliamentary scrutiny of future UK trade and investment agreements, which is we will continue to call for Parliament to have the deciding say on any international trade deal the Government wants to sign after Brexit.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about the Trade Bill.

Best wishes,

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

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