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**PUBLIC SERVICES AND TRADE DEALS**

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me about excluding the NHS and other public services from future trade deals.

There has been much concern and speculation surrounding President Trump's visit about the prospect of the NHS being included in a future trade deal with the US. The American President said in response to the NHS being included in a trade deal "When you're dealing in trade, everything is on the table. So NHS or anything else, or a lot more than that." However, he did backtrack on this statement following significant public outcry, saying that the NHS was something he would "not consider part of trade."

The prospect of the NHS forming part of a trade deal is indeed a worrying one. It could see increasing privatisation within the NHS, and increasing prices for medicines as US health and pharmaceutical companies play a larger role in our health service.

I am firmly opposed to including the NHS in any future trade deal, and the Labour Party has been clear that the NHS is not for sale. I will continue to work with fellow MPs to hold the Government to account on this issue.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

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

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