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Dear Constituent

Thank you for contacting me about the agreement reached at Chequers on the UK's future relationship with the EU. The Prime Minister's proposals represent a realistic and practical vision that delivers the referendum decision in full.

Let me be clear, the UK will leave the EU, including the Single Market and the Customs Union on 29 March 2019. As we leave the EU, free movement and the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice will no longer apply and the days of sending vast sums of money to Brussels every year are over for good. We will also leave the Common Agricultural Policy and the Commons Fisheries Policy and we will once again be able to strike our own trade deals.

The proposal the Cabinet has agreed delivers on the referendum result with a Brexit deal for Britain:

1. Leaving the EU on 29th March 2019
2. Ending free movement and taking back control of our borders
3. No more sending vast sums of money each year to the EU
4. A new business friendly customs model with freedom to strike new trade deals around the world
5. UK-EU free trade area with a common rulebook for industrial goods and agricultural products which will be good for jobs
6. Commitment to maintain high standards on consumer and employment rights and the environment
7. Parliamentary lock on all new rules and regulations
8. Leaving the Common Agricultural Policy and Common Fisheries Policy
9. Restoring the supremacy of British courts by ending the jurisdiction of the ECJ in the UK
10. No hard border between NI and Ireland or between NI and GB
11. Continued close cooperation on security to keep our people safe
12. An independent foreign and defence policy working closely with the EU and other allies

The full document on our Future Relationship with the European Union is also available in the Brexit section of my website.

I appreciate that for some of those who supported Leave, this does not go far enough. But there are a substantial number of businesses in West Berkshire who welcome these proposals to ensure a continued close trading relationship with our European partners.

I would say to both leavers and remainers, the referendum debate is over. We are leaving the EU. These proposals present a way forward which honours the result of the referendum and mitigates the genuine concerns many have of the adverse effects of leaving the EU.

Yours sincerely



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