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**Trade Bill: Proposed New Clause 3**

Thank you for contacting me about the parliamentary scrutiny of trade agreements.

Following the UK's vote to leave the European Union, the Government has made clear that we will be leaving the Single Market and the Customs Union. This means that the UK will be able to operate a fully independent trade policy.

The Department for International Trade is examining options to ensure continued access to trade agreements negotiated by the European Union to which the UK is already party. In addition, the Government has committed to making new free trade agreements more transparent and inclusive.

The Government is determined that the UK will become a world leader in free trade, and ensure that we secure the right deals for the United Kingdom. These bespoke deals will be scrutinised by our Parliament, as all treaties are.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Craig Whittaker MP