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### **Brexit and Parliamentary Approval of the Final Deal**

Thank you for contacting me about parliamentary approval of the final terms for leaving the EU.

The process of putting the EU (Withdrawal) Bill and connected legislation through Parliament means that Members of Parliament in the House of Commons and Members of the House of Lords are able to debate, scrutinise and vote on the final agreement made with the EU. The commitment provided to both Houses of Parliament that they will have a meaningful vote on the final deal also remains. This will take place as soon as the deal agreed and before the European Parliament votes on it. There can be no doubt that Parliament will have the opportunity to have its say on the final agreement.

Powers in the EU (Withdrawal) Bill can, if necessary, be used to make more technical changes that are appropriate for secondary legislation. The exact details of the UK's withdrawal arrangements are still subject to negotiation with the EU, which is why it is important to press ahead with the EU (Withdrawal) Bill and ensure that the UK's exit is delivered in a smooth and orderly way.

The Government has listened and will continue to listen to suggestions from Members of Parliament on how to improve the legislation relating to the UK's exit from the EU. Legislators should work together to ensure that the UK can pursue a smooth and stable exit from the EU. This is in everyone's interest.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Whittaker'.

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