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Brexit and the 'Meaningful Vote' Amendments

Thank you for contacting me about remaining in the EU's customs union, the EEA and holding a 'meaningful' vote.

I did not support any of the amendments on staying in the EU's customs union, the EEA or on holding a 'meaningful' vote on the final terms of the withdrawal agreement. I have set out my position on the customs union and the EEA here: <http://craigwhittakermp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Brexit-the-EEA-the-Customs-Union-and-another-Vote-.pdf>

On the 'meaningful' vote amendments, Parliament will have three opportunities to have its say on the final deal: a motion, a resolution on ratification of a new treaty and in an Act of Parliament implementing the deal. The Government's amendments to the Act on a 'meaningful' vote also now mean that a minister will be required to make a statement to Parliament if MPs reject the deal, if no deal is reached with the EU by 21 January 2019 or if the Prime Minister announces by that date that no deal can be reached. There will also be a vote on a motion on the Government's proposed next steps in each instance so that Parliament can have its say.

I hope that this explains my position and 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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