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Dear Geoff,

Thank you for your letter of 19 November to the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, expressing Brighton & Hove City Council's views on a People's Vote regarding Brexit.

I am sure you will appreciate that the Secretary of State receives a significant volume of correspondence each day and it is not possible for him to respond personally to each one. For this reason, most letters to him are delegated for reply. I can assure you that this has not detracted from the careful consideration your letter has received. I am replying given my ministerial responsibility for local government.

The Prime Minister has been clear that she does not want a second referendum. The British people voted to leave the EU and the Government is delivering on that. The upcoming choice that Parliament will have to make is to accept the negotiated deal or reject it.

The government has been working to deliver the best deal for the UK. The proposals in the Government's White Paper to protect jobs both here and in the EU, and avoid a hard border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, while respecting the referendum result and the integrity of the United Kingdom. Once agreed, we will put the final deal to Parliament, and MPs will have to decide whether to back or reject it.

It is the view of the government that this deal works for the entirety of the UK, as we take back control of our laws, borders and money. It ensures people and business that rely on an open border between Northern Ireland and Ireland can continue living their lives and operating as they do now.

We want a positive future relationship with the EU encompassing both economic security and cooperation. We are confident that this is in the interests of both sides, and the government continues to approach these negotiations anticipating success.

Thank you for writing in on this important matter.

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