

An important message to MPs from 14 organisations representing millions of voters

We would ask that you support the Government in the passage of the Internal Market and Finance Bills

More than four years after a clear majority of the British electorate voted to leave the European Union, we are at a critical juncture once again on the final stage towards a fully free, independent, and sovereign United Kingdom.

The Government is now endeavouring to protect the integrity of our Union from the EU's apparent extreme interpretation of the Withdrawal Treaty.

To quote the Prime Minister's article in the Daily Telegraph of Sat 12 Sept 2020:

*"We are now hearing that, unless we agree to the EU's terms, the EU will use an extreme interpretation of the Northern Ireland protocol to impose **a full-scale trade border down the Irish Sea.**"*

*"We are being told that the EU will not only impose tariffs on goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, but that they might actually **stop the transport of food products from GB to NI.**"*

*"I have to say that we never seriously believed that the EU would be willing to use a treaty, negotiated in good faith, **to blockade one part of the UK, to cut it off, or that they would actually threaten to destroy the economic and territorial integrity of the UK.** This was for the very good reason that any such barrier, any such tariffs or division, would be **completely contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Good Friday Agreement.**"*

It is our collective assessment – backed by highly-respected and EU-experienced lawyers - that the European Union is in **serious and material breaches** of its 'good faith', 'best endeavours' and other obligations under the Withdrawal Agreement, in which it committed to respect the UK's sovereignty and internal market. We therefore believe that the Government is entitled to act to protect the UK to the fullest extent from EU demands purportedly based on this document, and that **such action is justified under international law on account of these breaches.**

We ask you to vote in support of the Internal Market and Finance Bills so that a **strong and consistent message** from the British people and its Parliament is sent to Brussels. The Union must be preserved and the Government and Parliament must have the absolute right to determine the policies and laws adopted on behalf of the British people, with no interference from any EU body.

We look forward to your confirmation that you will support and vote with the Government on these matters and in particular on the Internal Market and Finance Bills. **The entire country needs certainty in the coming months and we hope you will play your part in providing this.**

Signed and endorsed on 13 Sept 2020 by:

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