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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail on this issue. Rest assured I share your concerns and if elected would do everything possible to prevent there being an undemocratic or secretive rewriting of laws and regulations.

Our policy is to push for a Great Reform Bill, in place of a 'Repeal Bill', to deliver a fair and proportional election system, reform of the House of Lords and a written constitution to protect our rights. Greens believe that the best way to protect jobs and workers' rights is by remaining in the single market.

Jobs and the economy are critically important in the negotiations with the EU, but by prioritising these above all else, there is a danger the environment gets side-lined.

With the Tories plotting a bonfire of regulations that protect our air and water quality, safeguard valuable wildlife habitats and help tackle climate change, we need a new Environmental Protection Act and a new Clean Air Act to ensure existing environmental protections are maintained and enhanced. A new environmental regulator and court must be created to effectively monitor and enforce environmental law.

From restrictions on pesticides to protect our bees, to crucial regulations on dangerous chemicals in toys, the Green Party will ensure that existing environmental laws are retained, or enhanced, no matter our future relationship with the European Union. We will ensure that important principles – such as the Precautionary and Polluter-Pays principles – are transposed into UK statute books.

We would also insist on thorough parliamentary scrutiny of any new bilateral trade deals negotiated outside the European Union. MPs should have the opportunity to closely study and debate these deals to ensure they do not threaten health, environmental or workplace standards.

The Green Party believe that the people of the UK should be able to make submissions throughout this process and must be given an opportunity to accept or reject the future that is on offer at the end of the two-year Article 50 process through a ratification referendum.

It will be vitally important that we have independently minded, thoughtful MPs in parliament during the coming years to scrutinise these processes, MPs who do not allow the Government to get away with making important decisions in secret. I promise this is what I would do if you elect me.

Yours Sincerely,



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