

Dear,

I write to you due to my abhorrence over the proposed Withdrawal Agreement. This deal is clearly a Brexit In Name Only which is not what I nor 17.5million people voted for.

I am particularly incensed that the EU demands current dire fisheries quota and access shares are continued on a 'non-discrimination' basis which was the founding principle of the CFP of equal access. I am furious that the government has agreed to this as part of the draft Future Relationship. The government propose the UK will officially 'leave' the EU – terminating our current membership. However, the Withdrawal Agreement means we sign up to re-obey all EU law under the authority of the ECJ for a Transition of upto 4 years.

As the Attorney General made clear the UK either ratifies the draft Future Relationship terms during the Transition or is shovelled into the Backstop. This would see the partitioning off of Northern Ireland; no unilateral right to leave unless the Future Relationship's agreed; & the ability of the EU to trap us forever by halting talks. This dire deal is therefore a total trap! It gives the EU the ability to beat Britain into whatever terms it wishes. The EU has made clear it wants Gibraltar and will use the Backstop to force us to agree the Future Relationship terms on fishing. I am livid that the government has agreed to pay £40bn+ of our money for this 'privilege'.

The government may parrot that we will be "an independent coastal state" – this is no defence. We may be officially be, but we will be one that has agreed to a deal that binds us to the CFP for upto 4 years and then levers us into a Future Relationship based on CFP associate membership where we are an EU satellite. We will be a vassal state – the opposite of independent and self-governing which Brexit voted for. It is a complete betrayal of our poor fishermen who have seen their communities wrecked by the CFP and which a clean Brexit would save. **I demand that as this constituencies MP you vote down this abhorrent deal.**

A deal where under the Transition we must obey any detrimental laws the EU enforces to harm our industries. Particularly what's left of our fishing industry and communities. The EU could cut quotas the UK fleet is dependent on; use UK resources in international swaps; & abolish the 12nm limit protecting inshore fishermen.

Most seriously, the EU can fully enforce the 2019 EU discard ban. EU quotas force fishermen to discard 1000s tons of fish to find what their quota lets them keep. Under the ban they must stop fishing on exhausting their lowest quota. The government's agency Seafish has shown these early closures will mean 60% of UK resources go uncaught and a similar proportion of the UK fleet bankrupt. The EU has every reason to cull our fleet as under international law, if a nation cannot catch all its own resources it must give the 'surplus' to its neighbours.

Worse, as the deal will be underpinned by a new internationally binding treaty it will be difficult to change or back peddle from these arrangements. Given the politicians contemptible efforts in safeguarding our national interests thus far I have little faith the government would walk away before we were trapped in the Backstop.

Walking away to a clean Brexit would automatically repatriate our waters and resources to national control as Britain would revert to international law. Giving automatic repatriation of a £6-8bn industry. Doubling its worth to far in excess of the 0.2% the Irish border represents which is being manipulated to justify this sell-out.
This deal renders all promises to take back control and assurances to reclaim British waters as worthless!

It is imperative for the survival of fishing communities in a multitude of constituencies that this capitulation deal is dumped and the government walks away from the EU who have shown us contempt to global WTO trade terms we already happily trade with the rest of the world on. Only this will restore our sovereignty and control.
Failure to do so would show there is no intention of making a serious stand on fishing or Brexit nor fulfilling "taking back control" of which fishing is an 'acid test' of Brexit.

I hope that as Member of Parliament your constituents can count on you ensuring "No Deal Is Better Than A Bad Deal" by voting this deal down.

Yours Sincerely:

Constituent Address:

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