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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: SECOND EU REFERENDUM

Thank you for contacting me about the possibility of a second referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

I do not believe it would be appropriate to re-run the referendum on our membership of the European Union. The British people voted on 23 June for the UK to leave the EU. Whatever one's personal view of this decision it must be accepted and the process of implementing the decision in the best possible way must now begin.

It is the responsibility of the Government to translate that result into action, choosing the best means to leave the EU and our future relationship.

I understand that many people feel strongly that the UK should remain in the EU and have signed a petition to bring about a second referendum. For the reasons outlined above, I do not believe this would be appropriate. The petition makes reference to imposing a minimum turnout threshold, however this was not included in the European Union Referendum Act 2015 and would therefore require retrospective legislation. Changing the rules after the referendum would severely undermine the democratic process.

The House of Commons Petitions Committee has decided to schedule a House of Commons debate on this petition. The debate will take place on 5 September at 4.30pm in Westminster Hall, the second debating chamber of the House of Commons.

The Petitions Committee has made clear that, in scheduling this debate, they are not supporting the call for a second referendum. The debate will allow MPs to put forward a range of views on behalf of their constituents. At the end of the debate, a Government Minister will respond to the points raised.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Quin".