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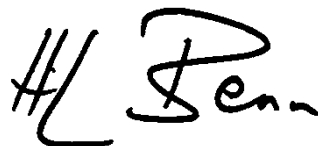
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Dear Prime Minister,

You told the House on 3 September that you would be bringing forward proposals setting out an alternative to the backstop in the Withdrawal Agreement “long before” the 30-day timetable suggested by Chancellor Merkel came to an end. With only four days remaining, and given the EU statement after your meeting with Jean-Claude Juncker today that legally operational solutions that are compatible with the Withdrawal Agreement and meet the objective of the backstop “have not yet been made”, I would be grateful if you could confirm when you intend to publish your proposals for an alternative to the backstop so that they can be scrutinised by the Select Committee, MPs and the public.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Benn', written in a cursive style.

Hilary Benn
Chair