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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 14 January, and in particular for your agreement to set in train arrangements for your next appearance at the Liaison Committee. The Committee would like to propose that this should take place on 27 or 28 February. I would be grateful if you could let our office know your availability on these dates at the earliest opportunity.

I was interested in your comments about the role of Parliament in providing input to, and scrutiny of, the negotiating mandate for the future relationship. We are very keen to find a way to engage Parliament effectively in the next stage of developing our relationship with the EU, and with other nations. We would like to discuss this further at the Liaison Committee and it would be helpful to see your proposals in draft form beforehand.

You mentioned that there were a number of ways Parliament could be involved, such as changing the configuration and responsibilities of select committees. As you might be aware, the Liaison Committee has launched a major inquiry into the influence and effectiveness of the select committee system, including consideration of how the UK's future relationship with the EU will impact on the departmental select committee system. We will be publishing written evidence as we receive it and hope this will be of interest.

Best wishes,

Dr Sarah Wollaston MP
Chair of the Committee