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Dear Thérèse,

EM 5846/18: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)

Thank you for your letter on the above Proposal, dated 1 November, which was considered by our Energy and Environment Sub-Committee at its meeting on 14 November.

We note that you are still considering the potential impact of the Proposal and expect to have completed your assessment before the end of March next year. We look forward to receiving a summary of this assessment when completed.

We note that you are currently awaiting revised wording from the Presidency which will enable you to assess whether your concerns relating to the parameters set by the Proposal (and how they will be monitored), and your subsidiarity concerns, have been addressed. Please update us once you have received the revised text.

Thank you for explaining that the timings for taking this Proposal forward are still unclear. Please keep us updated on any progress.

We have decided to retain this Proposal under scrutiny and look forward to a reply in due course.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee, Jessica Mulley, Clerk of the European Scrutiny Committee; Arnold Ridout, Legal Adviser to the European Scrutiny Committee; Les Saunders, DExEU, and John Leach and Craig White, Scrutiny Coordinators, DEFRA.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Boswell

Lord Boswell of Aynho
Chairman of the European Union Committee