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Member of Parliament for Dumfries and Galloway



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

A Response to the Second Referendum Campaign

Thank you for contacting me again about holding a second referendum.

We may, unfortunately, have to accept that we will not agree on this issue. I maintain my belief that holding a second referendum would not be constructive for the negotiations or help to bring the country together. I will put my efforts into helping to secure the best deal for the UK.

I believe that the prospect of another vote would not give any incentive to EU negotiators to agree the best possible deal with this country. It would also damage public trust in our democratic system. Such a referendum would be a politician's vote: telling voters that they got it wrong the first time and should try again.

The UK's membership of the EEC was confirmed in a referendum and I believe that it is only right that the country's departure should also have been settled by a referendum in 2016. At 72 per cent, voter turnout in 2016 was also higher that any election in the last 25 years. There will be no re-run of the vote.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

Alister Jack DL MP

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