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Dear Member of Parliament,

We write to you with an urgent request concerning the very nature of the United Kingdom as an independent, sovereign country.

CIBUK comprises 15 Affiliated Organisations including Brexit Facts4EU, Briefings for Britain, the Centre for the Union, Global Britain, and others. On a good day we can hit over **one million voters** on Twitter alone. We therefore hope you might read what follows, given the likelihood of a new Northern Ireland Protocol deal with the EU being announced imminently by the PM.

Putting the DUP's 'seven tests' to one side for a moment, (they were in any case written loosely and not for the purpose of a forensic examination of any deal), the acid test is :

"Who governs Northern Ireland, is it fully part of the UK with all its laws made in Parliament, is the Belfast Agreement fully respected, and is the United Kingdom completely intact as an independent, sovereign country?"

It is the general view of our supporters that sovereignty is the overriding factor in the NIP debate. Green lanes, red lanes, and the minutiae of trading arrangements don't always cut through, but the issue of Northern Ireland either being part of the United Kingdom or not – this resonates strongly.

If any proposed deal with Brussels does not restore in full the Act of Union 1800 and the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement, and make Northern Ireland free from EU law, then it will not be acceptable to a great many voters. Our supporters feel NI should be integrally part of the UK and not a colony of the EU, regardless of how this might try to be nuanced in the text of any proposed UK-EU agreement.

We are of course happy to engage with you at any time by phone, WhatsApp, or email, and we are ready to feature any comments you may wish to make on this issue - on our website reports and on social media. We can also provide you with links to a wealth of authoritative reports researched from official sources which summarise all the aspects of the current situation.

We hope we might have your support on this essential subject for so many voters and that you will **stand firm against any rushed, unsatisfactory, compromise deal** – if that is what is presented.

Finally we ask: ***"Should any part of the United Kingdom be under the jurisdiction of a foreign power?"***
No other developed country in the world would contemplate such a gross intrusion over its internal affairs as the EU has imposed on the United Kingdom. Let's now put this right once and for all.

Yours faithfully,

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About us : CIBUK.Org (the Campaign for an Independent Britain) is the oldest-established organisation for independence, sovereignty, democracy and freedom in the United Kingdom, founded in 1969. It encompasses 15 Affiliated Organisations including the respected think-tank Brexit Facts4EU.Org – for the last seven years the most prolific researcher and publisher in the world on UK-EU relations.