The electorate and global citizens must speak up to ensure that Brexit makes the UK more democratic\(^1\). We can fight for a better country in a more equal world.

38 Degrees state in their current petition regarding this Inquiry:

\[ “ \text{Make sure that Brexit makes the UK more democratic. Ensure that both the public and parliament get a say on new UK laws as we exit the EU.} \]
\[ \text{Brexit must mean Parliament gets more of a say. When Westminster takes back control of laws made in Brussels, this must lead to proper debates and votes.} \]
\[ \text{There must be a full legislative process for changes to our rights at work, our rights as consumers, our security, food or medicine safety standards, or environmental protections. Make sure that any new secondary legislation created as a result of the UK leaving the EU is reviewed with a reformed and stronger level of scrutiny as soon as possible after the UK exits the EU.”} \]

38 Degrees

Over three million people across Europe signed a petition calling for CETA to be scrapped. Similar concerns exist regarding UK-US Trade Relations. A race to the bottom in standards for important areas like food safety and environmental regulation is not acceptable. Proper debates take time and debates can be ongoing as new information comes to light\(^2\) and circumstances change. Ideally the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons needs to take this into account. The Brexit referendum was not a referendum on specifics.

The world is changing at a fast pace, changes may happen that will have an effect on our way of life. There is a danger that some emerging technology regulation\(^3\) decisions for example will be dominated by the philosophies of various “vested interest” think tanks\(^4\), lobbyists in various shapes and forms\(^5\), NFU\(^6\) etc and not adequately debated by Civil Society and there is


\(^2\) [https://corporateeurope.org/revolvingdoorwatch](https://corporateeurope.org/revolvingdoorwatch)
[http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/2344079/pesticides_can_cause_cancer_s o_why_does_cruk_ignore_them.html](http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/2344079/pesticides_can_cause_cancer_so_why_does_cruk_ignore_them.html)
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Obviously information needs to be discussed and checked.


\(^5\) [http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/news/biotech-ambassadors-diplomacy-or-marketing](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/news/biotech-ambassadors-diplomacy-or-marketing)

\(^6\) [http://www.pesticidescampaign.co.uk/documents/Article%20by%20Georgina%20Downs%202.17.htm](http://www.pesticidescampaign.co.uk/documents/Article%20by%20Georgina%20Downs%202.17.htm)
a danger that an insufficiently wide spectrum of counter arguments and narratives will be heard. There are immense ethical and sustainability questions to be considered. These vast questions need to be considered beyond Government and Parliament alone. The Bill must not close doors on debate.

There needs to be detailed and democratic scrutiny. The Great Repeal Bill should be democratic and open to new ways of thinking. For example, in the words of Georgina Downs pesticides campaigner, “there is a real opportunity for the UK to move away altogether from the use of pesticides, chemical fertilisers, and other agro chemicals in the existing conventional farming system to one that utilises a truly sustainable non-chemical approach. This would help protect not only the health of residents and other members of the public, but also the environment, wildlife, pollinators, other species, habitats, biodiversity etc”. Detailed and wide ranging debate is needed.

I have also sent a similar longer submittance to the UK/US relations inquiry discussing some thoughts on systemic issues and why I think there should be no US/UK Trade Deal soon.

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He concluded that negotiating a trade deal with Britain before the U.K. had clarified its relationship with the EU was in the interest of “no rational country.”

Brexit will also create new opportunities for crime, he warned, as well as new patterns of trading and new opportunities for the food industry. “We [therefore] have extremely sound reasons relating to food security, food safety and ethics to know where our food comes from, and to have a knowledge of how it is produced. We need to know where it originated from now, and as the global macro-economics and climate change, where it will come from in the future.” Professor Chris Elliott (quoted at http://www.foodnavigator.com/Policy/US-deal-will-flood-UK-market-with-food-people-don-t-want-warns-respected-academic)

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