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Rt Hon Suella Braverman MP  
Secretary of State for the Home Department  
Home Office  
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Dear Home Secretary,

## **Rights of EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU under the Withdrawal Agreement**

In July 2021, the European Affairs Committee, chaired by the Earl of Kinnoull, published a report addressing the post-Brexit rights of EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU. In May 2023, the Committee held a follow-up session with interested parties on citizens' rights, which resulted in a letter to you dated 25 May 2023.

The Committee asked for a reply by 26 June 2023, this was subsequently extended by agreement to 30 June 2023. We understand that the Government was working on new immigration rules; these were laid in Parliament on 17 July 2023. However, we fail to understand why the Government has still not replied to the Committee's letter of 25 May 2023. There has been ample time to incorporate details of the recent policy announcements into your response to the Committee's concerns.

The Committee's remit is (amongst other matters) to consider the operation of any UK/EU post-Brexit agreements including the operation of the Withdrawal Agreement and its implications for citizens' rights. We are seriously concerned that you have still not responded to the issues raised in our letter of 25 May 2023. We ask you to respond without further delay.

I am copying this letter to Rt Hon James Cleverly MP, Foreign Secretary; Leo Docherty MP, Minister for Europe; Rt Hon Lord True CBE, Leader of the House of Lords; Sir William Cash MP and Dr George Wilson, respectively Chair and Clerk of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Harry Stunell and Esra Gathercole, Scrutiny Coordinators, Home Office; and Adam Nutley, Scrutiny Coordinator in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter Ricketts". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Peter" and the last name "Ricketts" clearly distinguishable.

Lord Ricketts

Chair of the European Affairs Committee