

The President

M. Dimitri Scarlato,
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Dear Mr Scarlato,

Thank you for your letter of 15 October 2019. I was very pleased to meet with you to discuss the3million's concerns on citizens' rights.

The3million has done very well in raising awareness about citizens' rights after Brexit and helping many citizens. I can reiterate that the European Parliament and the Brexit Steering Group have always very carefully considered the3million's positions and have continuously appreciated your valuable input.

The European Parliament as you know has prioritised citizens and their rights throughout the negotiations. Coordinated pressure on negotiators on both sides of the table led to some substantial improvements in the citizens' rights section of the Withdrawal Agreement.

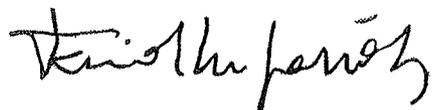
That being said, I share your concerns in relation to a no-deal scenario, although, with the newly agreed Withdrawal Agreement, we are confident that an agreement can be reached and ratified.

We are aware of the calls for ring-fencing citizens' rights. However, leaving legal and practical complications aside, there are good reasons for opposing ring-fencing parts of the agreement. Our aim is to push for the best possible deal for all 500 million citizens of the EU, which is what an orderly withdrawal would ensure.

I agree that the situation in case of a no-deal is far from ideal and that current measures on the table do not suffice. We on our side will continue to push for improvements. EU citizens in the UK should have real redress options. There should be independent oversight and the measures taken should be underpinned in primary law. We will persist with the campaign that UK citizens in the EU should keep their freedom of movement after Brexit.

In short, we will continue our scrutiny of the Withdrawal Agreement and its implementation, and we will, if this proves necessary, equally continue to push for improved contingency measures in the UK and EU-27.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Maria SASSOLI', written in a cursive style.

David Maria SASSOLI