



The Rt Hon Theresa May
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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12th December 2016

Dear Mrs May,

I am writing to you as the chair of the EU citizens' rights group the3million and together with the leading organisations representing the British citizens in Europe, and we are calling on you to take the first step and unilaterally guarantee the right of EU citizens currently living lawfully in the UK to remain in the UK after Brexit this side of Christmas.

We are joined in this call by the leading organisations representing British citizens in Europe who believe this is the necessary first step before negotiation starts.

This would have the double benefit of appeasing the rising anxiety of the 3 million EU citizens living here and 1.2 million British citizens in Europe, both sides rejecting being treated as bargaining chips in the forthcoming Brexit negotiations.

In the Christmas spirit, we call on you to make a public statement guaranteeing those rights now and organise a meeting with all parties in the New Year.

Please note that we fully support the campaigns to preserve the rights of British citizens in Europe as both sides are saying 'We are not bargaining chips, we are people'.

Yours sincerely,

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