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Dear

On 23 June, you will be asked to make a historic choice: should Britain remain a member of the European Union, or should we leave?

This choice will determine our future and Britain's future. I'm sure you will have already heard lots of different views from both sides. So I thought it would be useful to share with you what some of the independent experts say about the choice we have to make. But first let me tell you why I believe we must vote to Remain on 23 June.

I believe that the best choice for Britain is to work together with our European neighbours. The EU has brought us jobs, investment and protections at work. Britain is more prosperous, better protected and more powerful in the modern world because of our membership of the EU. That is why I believe we must vote to Remain on 23 June.

Over 3 million British jobs are linked to our trade with the EU.

These jobs depend on exports to other countries in the European Union. And **almost half of British exports** in goods and services go to countries in the European Union. If we leave, we will risk millions of British jobs.

Britain's membership of the EU protects consumers and workers.

Being a member of the EU keeps prices down and means we are better protected at the checkout. British households would be worse off by around £4,300 a year if we left the EU. The EU also gives working people vital protections at work like the right to paid holiday, maternity and paternity leave. Without the EU, this or any future Tory government would be free to launch an assault on those rights, leaving people worse off.

Britain is stronger and safer in the EU.

Britain's EU membership gives us a strong voice on the world stage. The European Arrest Warrant helps us to tackle cross-border crime and bring terrorists to justice. If we leave, Britain would be less safe and our influence in the world would be diminished.

I believe we need to work together with our neighbours to tackle the challenges of the 21st Century. Climate change, cyber-crime and terrorism can only be solved by co-operation, not isolation.

This is why I believe a vote to Remain on 23 June is in our best interests.

Yours sincerely,

Lyn Brown MP

P.S I've set out why I think Britain should vote Remain on 23 June. But I hope the facts over the page will help you decide what is best for you and your family.

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WHAT THE INDEPENDENT EXPERTS SAY

Over 3 million British jobs are linked to our trade with the EU.



Independent research from economists and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research has shown that over 3 million British jobs are linked to our trade with the EU. If EU countries are buying less of our goods and services, UK jobs are put at risk.

Britain's biggest trade unions, representing over four million working people, believe Britain is better off in Europe.

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Official figures from the Office of National Statistics show that UK companies export more goods and services to EU countries than to any other part of the world. Almost half of our exports go to EU countries – worth over £220 billion a year to the UK economy. This is a huge figure compared to British exports to China, worth £16 billion a year, and exports to the USA, worth £95 billion.

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Paul Johnson, the Head of the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies, has said "we can put quite a lot of store by the idea that leaving would be bad for the British economy and households."

Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, has warned that in the event of leaving the EU "growth will be materially slower" and could possibly lead to a recession, meaning fewer jobs, lower wages and businesses going bust.

Simon Stevens, the Chief Executive of the NHS, warned that leaving the EU could cause damage to our economy and hit investment in the NHS, he warned that "when the British economy sneezes the NHS catches a cold."

Being in the EU gives working people vital protections.



Britain's EU membership gives every citizen certain basic and fundamental rights – such as paid holiday, maternity and paternity leave, protection for agency workers and health and safety in the workplace which can't be withdrawn. If Britain left the EU our citizens would have no protection if, for example, a Tory government in the future wanted to change or remove rights secured as part of our EU membership.



"Labour says vote Remain because we believe the EU has brought investment, jobs and protections for workers and consumers."

Jeremy Corbyn MP
Leader of the Labour Party



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