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Dear ---------------------------------------

I write to ask you to support efforts to stiffen Parliament’s powers of scrutiny over delegated legislation, and to guard against excessive or improper use of Henry VIII powers.

These issues arise in the context, not just of the EU (Withdrawal) Bill, but of all the other Brexit-related Bills being brought forward over the next few months. The problem of inadequate scrutiny powers long predates Brexit, but will be made much more acute once we’re outside the EU. If it isn’t properly addressed as those Bills go through, Parliament will have only weak control over successive Governments’ shaping of post-Brexit Britain.

The Hansard Society’s blog, <https://www.hansardsociety.org.uk/blog/scrutiny-of-sis-further-amendments-are-needed-to-eu-withdrawal-bill>, offers a sensible way through. Please do all you can to make sure these reforms are built into the Brexit Bills.

Yours sincerely