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In August a large group of elected representatives wrote to you requesting that you undertake a thorough criminal investigation and - where necessary - prosecution following the investigations by the Information Commissioner's Office and Electoral Commission into the activities of Vote Leave. The work of the two Commissions is extremely important, but so is your role and responsibility in investigating wrongdoing, enforcing our laws and protecting our democracy.

We were glad to receive your responses but are not satisfied with their contents. You both point towards 'prosecutions' by the Electoral Commission, although it is clear that this Commission has no such powers available to it. Similarly, you both suggest that you are awaiting more evidence before you pursue prosecutions. But if it is not the role of your agencies to seek out such evidence via a thorough and wide-ranging investigation then whose responsibility could it be?

We were concerned to learn as a result of a journalistic investigation that your investigation is stalled, that you remain in the phase of assessing evidence and that this may be the result of the political sensitivity of the case.

As elected representatives we carry a particular responsibility to defend both the rule of law and the integrity of our democratic system. On that basis we would ask you for absolute clarity with regard to the following questions:

- Do you consider that there is evidence of law-breaking by staff and board members of Vote Leave?
- Are you pursuing an investigation into this matter to determine whether prosecution might be appropriate?
- Have you been approached by government representatives to suggest that you soft-pedal this investigation due to political sensitivities?

The British citizens we represent need to be reassured not only that those who subverted the EU referendum will be held fully to account, but also that there can be no suggestion of our senior police officers being sensitive to political considerations in their decisions about which investigations to pursue. We seek an urgent response from you to provide this reassurance.

## **Signatories**

### **MPs**

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28. Ben Lake MP, Ceredigion (Plaid Cymru)
29. David Lammy MP, Tottenham (Labour)
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