



President Donald Tusk
European Council
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Dear President Tusk,

Ahead of the European Council meeting that will unavoidably have to consider the question of extending the Brexit deadline, we, elected representatives from progressive opposition parties, representing the majority of British people who now want to remain in the EU, urge you to bear the following in mind:

- Boris Johnson does not represent the views of the entire nation and now leads only a minority government;
- Every single opposition party now wants the UK to hold a second referendum on Brexit;
- Polls indicate that a majority of the UK public is likely to vote to remain in such a referendum.

We therefore ask the European Council to extend the Brexit deadline to allow sufficient time for the British democratic process to play out. We are confident that, ultimately, we will be able to move forward together in Europe to rebuild our relationships of trust and cooperation. And at home we can reinforce our democracy and rebuild an economy and society that work in the interests of all our citizens.

Yours sincerely,

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