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Ben Howlett MP
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Dear Ben

Thank you for your letter of 26 August to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union on behalf of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Bath about European Pensions. As you may know your letter has been passed to this department for a reply. I am replying as the Minister for Pensions.

The result of the referendum was a vote to leave the European Union. Until we do so we remain a member of the European Union and will continue to meet our legal obligations.

We are about to begin negotiations and it would be wrong to set out unilateral positions in advance. At every step of these negotiations we will work to ensure the best possible outcome for the United Kingdom.

I hope this helps to explain the position.

*Yours ever
Richard*

**RICHARD HARRINGTON MP
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