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UK House of Commons votes against no-deal Brexit

Quotes from Philippe Lamberts and Ska Keller

Today, the UK House of Commons has just voted against a no-deal Brexit by 329 to 300 votes.

Philippe Lamberts MEP, President of the Greens/EFA Group and Member of the Brexit Steering Group in the European Parliament, comments:

"The House of Commons has clearly indicated its determination to avoid no-deal Brexit for a second time and this must be respected by the UK government, regardless of who is in Number 10 Downing Street.

"Jobs, lives and peace in Northern Ireland cannot be the price for Boris Johnson's career ambitions, that's why no-deal must be avoided at all costs.

"For all the PM's bluster about getting a deal, there are no real negotiations going on in Brussels, despite the EU's door remaining wide-open. It's quite clear that Johnson's disingenuous strategy is designed to push the UK off a no-deal cliff edge and to cement his own position regardless of the costs to the British people."

Ska Keller MEP, President of the Greens/EFA Group, comments:

"It is undemocratic that Boris Johnson has tried to shut down parliamentary scrutiny around his Brexit plans. Yesterday and today's votes have shown that the Prime Minister should rethink his approach and try to build consensus moving forward. All European countries must uphold the rule of law and respect for democracy, even if they are leaving the EU."

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