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Dear Mr Melding

## **Referendum on UK membership of the EU: Invitation to meet with the House of Lords European Union Committee**

The House of Lords European Union Committee, which I chair, is paying close attention to the process of negotiations on reform of the EU ahead of a referendum on UK membership of the EU before the end of 2017.

One of the Committee's central concerns is that key stakeholders should not be presented with a *fait accompli* by the UK Government at the end of the negotiating process. We have urged the UK Government to ensure that the UK Parliament must be kept informed. We have also stressed that the devolved institutions must be involved in the negotiating process. We raised this issue with the Minister for Europe, Rt Hon David Lidington MP, when he appeared before the Committee in the summer. Mr Lidington told us that it was an important question that was being discussed at ministerial level, and that had been raised in the context of the work of the Joint Ministerial Committee.

My Committee is anxious to hear the views of the Welsh Assembly on this important question. As such I would like to invite you and the Assembly Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to meet with my Committee. We are planning a visit to Cardiff on Monday 19 October, and would be very pleased to meet you should you be available.

I do hope that we are able to find a means to discuss such vital issues in the months ahead. If you are willing and available to do so, then my Committee Clerk, Stuart Stoner, stands ready to make arrangements. Stuart can be contacted on 020 7219 5864 or at [stoners@parliament.uk](mailto:stoners@parliament.uk). I would also be delighted to speak to you direct to discuss the invitation should this be helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

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